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Manufacturers, Gov't seek tax compromise

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Haim Bar-Lev, last night failed to persuade the manufacturers of the need for the new taxes imposed earlier this week.

Following a meeting late last night between the two ministers and the Coordinating Committee of Economic Organizations, it was agreed only to set up a "committee of six" — comprising three Cabinet ministers and three leading businessmen — which would meet over the weekend to try to find a compromise formula on the issue.

This follows a similar agreement between the Government and the Histadrut on Wednesday to set up a joint committee to iron out their differences. Both the Histadrut and Manufacturers' Association have condemned the new payroll and purchase taxes, saying they would contribute to mass unemployment, more inflation and reduced production. Labour and management are also angered by the Government's failure to consult them before embarking on the new economic measures.

The three Cabinet ministers in the committee of six will be the Ministers of Finance, Commerce and Industry, and Transport. It is not yet known who will represent the manufacturers on the committee.

Meanwhile, there were reports yesterday that Mr. Rabinowitz might back down — or reduce — the 7.5 per cent payroll tax after agreeing Wednesday to postpone its implementation for a month.

Oil price cut allowed by Opec

VIENNA. — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) allowed one of its 13 members yesterday to cut the price of its oil, in a move described by one expert as a "first indication that they are beginning to feel the pinch of dwindling demad."

An Opec communique issued at the end of a three-day ministerial meeting here said permission for the cut was given to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in reply to "discriminatory" measures adopted by Western oil companies.

But informed sources said it was a result of large oil backlogs piled up in the tiny Persian Gulf nation in the last few months. The oil companies were limiting their purchases from the UAE in an attempt to break the cartel, one expert said.

The Opec ministers shelved until their next meeting a plan to boost the dollar price for oil. Delegates said they also finished drafting principles for an energy dialogue with major consumer nations, expected to be held in Paris in late March.

Opec officials told a news conference that the permission given to the UAE was not a break in the cartel's price fixing, but rather a blow against the oil companies. *(AP, UPI)*

The President, with Mrs. Katzir at his side, waves from door of El Al plane before leaving from Ben-Gurion airport yesterday morning for the U.S. (Camera 13)

Katzir arrives in U.S.

President Katzir arrived in New *York shortly before* 10 o'clock last night Israel time, at the start of a two-week official visit to the U.S. The President, who was received at the airport by Israel Consul-General David Rivlin, was to continue on to Miami Beach to open an Israel Bonds drive.

Prof. Katzir will meet in Washington *on Monday with President* Ford. He is also due to attend scientific meetings in New York and Boston. The President was seen off at Ben-Gurion Airport by the Premier and Mrs. Rabin and other dignitaries.

Dr. K seeking 'parallel' and direct pledges

By WOLF BLITZER, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's shuttle diplomacy, resuming late next week, is expected to centre on achieving a suitable combination of direct Egyptian assurances to Israel in a formal, signed document and in a separate set of parallel Egyptian-American and Israeli-American letters.

Informed sources here said yesterday that Israel will insist on a formal document signed by Egypt conveying certain assurances of non-belligerency, but Jerusalem might also be willing to rely on some Egyptian assurances made to the U.S. and later conveyed to Israel.

But, the sources pointed out, Israel will stand firm on its demand that Egypt sign a document with Israel that can be made public.

Kissinger leaves Washington on March 5 for Cardiff, Wales, and is due to arrive in Egypt on March 7. He will probably fly to Syria and then Israel on the ninth.

Kissinger told a group of Jewish leaders Tuesday that his major problem will be to exert the necessary public concessions from Egypt needed to obtain an Israeli pullback.

But officials in Washington remain optimistic that the Secretary will succeed during this round of talks in arranging an Israeli withdrawal from the Abu Rodeis oil fields and the Mitla and Gidi mountain passes in exchange for an Egyptian pledge to refrain from resuming hostilities.

The "New York Times" meanwhile reported yesterday from Cairo that Egypt's optimism about another successful agreement is based on the premise that Israel has dropped a demand for an Egyptian statement of non-belligerency covering a specific number of years and addressed directly to the Israeli government.

Correspondent Henry Tanner quoted Egyptian officials as saying Israel will settle for a vague Egyptian assurance to the U.S. rather than to Israel.

"Egypt is willing to state formally to Washington," Tanner said, quoting Egyptian officials, "that the country's armed forces will not resort to war against Israel as long as there is reasonable progress toward an overall settlement of the Middle East conflict. But the assurance will not cover a specific time period."

But authoritative Israel sources in Washington dismissed this statement, asserting that Egypt will certainly have to make a written commitment to Israel renouncing belligerency if it intends to obtain a substantial Israeli withdrawal.

The "Times" story also quoted Egyptian sources as conceding that Egypt will accept demilitarization of most of Israeli-vacated areas in Sinai. It added that Foreign Minister Fahmy is understood to be engaged in a campaign to explain Egypt's position to wary Arab allies.

Israel Ambassador Simcha Dinitz is expected to meet with Kissinger once again before his departure to renew the negotiations. The U.S. Ambassador in Cairo, Herman Eilts, has been meeting frequently with Mr. Fahmy, passing along messages from Kissinger.

Sadat seen less optimistic

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

After steadily expressing confidence over the past few weeks in Dr. Kissinger's ability to achieve another Israeli withdrawal in Sinai, *Egyptian President Anwar Sadat* yesterday indicated that this development was still far from being a certainty.

Sadat told a Swedish TV team that a "critical stage" had been reached and that he was not certain whether the U.S. Secretary of State would bring about a second stage settlement between Egypt and Israel during his forthcoming visit. "We shall be heading either toward peace or — I don't know the alternative in this very dangerous situation," Cairo's semi-official "Al-Ahram" newspaper quoted Sadat as telling the Swedish crew.

Sadat said this as a deadlock emerged over Cairo's reluctance to *provide Jerusalem* with a signed non-belligerency accord in return for a far-reaching Israeli pullback in Sinai.

Sadat said he would give a non-belligerency pledge only when Israel withdrew totally from Sinai, the Golan Heights and the West Bank. "I am frank and this is my stand."

The Egyptian leader implied he was prepared to give provisional no-war declarations against partial moves, but only through Dr. Kissinger and not in a direct treaty with Israel. Sadat said that in the absence of mutual confidence between Egypt and Israel "it is necessary to find the person who "we trust and who is trusted at the same time by the Israelis. Kissinger enjoys this confidence or at least we on our side trust him."

Sadat said there was a chance for the first time in 26 years to begin the process of a peaceful settlement, but if Kissinger's efforts collapsed a renewed confrontation might be sparked off.

The Palestine Liberation Organization, following a marathon congress in Damascus, issued a statement yesterday urging Arabs to resist Kissinger's forthcoming peace efforts.

While pledging to mount terrorist activity, the PLO statement said *Kissinger's efforts for* "partial and unilateral solutions, are designed to barter part of occupied Arab territory for the whole national cause."

A news report from Cairo last night said Sadat yesterday refused to meet a PLO executive delegation to discuss terrorist opposition to Kissinger's Middle East peace-making efforts.

Tax-evasion crackdown

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz said yesterday the State Revenue Administration was setting up a new section to combat tax evasion.

Briefing the Alignment Knesset faction on the new taxes, the Minister said there had been no way of deferring a decison about higher taxes until April "because we would only have brought catastrophe on ourselves."

Rabinowitz said the press was largely to blame for the "artificial storm" over the new taxes.

He also said: "It's very difficult nowadays to argue about budgets with the Defence Ministry."

The Defence Ministry was mentioned by Mapam's Aharon Efrat in the subsequent discussion, when he charged that it was continuing to hand out jobs to earthwork contractors without tenders and without proper supervision. "Security is not a taboo subject when it comes to things like that," he said.

Rabbi Menahem Hacohen (Labour) said the Government was behaving as though it was in a continuous economic hypnotic trance. Jacob Amir (Labour) warned that the Government's economic credibility with the workers had been impaired. Mordechai Ben-Porat (Labour) said the nation had lived for years above its means and now it was paying the price. Moshe Carmel (Labour) said the wage-earners paid their due share in taxes, but the self-employed were evading their commitments.

Coalition chairman Moshe Wertman said he was surprised that only three Cabinet Ministers saw fit to come along and talk to the faction about the grave economic situation reflected in the Budget and the new taxes. The three were, apart from Rabinowitz, Justice Minister Haim Zadok, and Labour Minister Moshe Baram, who is the liaison between the Cabinet and the faction.

Meanwhile, Alignment members of the Histadrut Executive yesterday resolved to appeal to the government to reconsider its decision to impose two new taxes. If the appeal fails, the Alignment suggested that the Histadrut should request an early compensation for the increased burden. These resolutions will be brought before the plenary Executive next Thursday.

Ford probes army yielding to boycott

WASHINGTON (UPI). — President Ford has expanded his investigation into religious discrimination to include the Defence Department, a spokesman said yesterday.

Press Secretary Ron Nessen made the announcement after the disclosure that the Saudi Arabian Government had said it wanted no "Zionists" included in a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers detachment which was sent there. The Defence Department excluded Jews from the delegation.

Mr. Nessen said Defence Secretary James Schlesinger, without waiting for the President's directive, already had instructed all American military commanders to insure no such discrimination exists in their units.

Allon and West German Chancellor meet 2 hours

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — Foreign Minister Yigal Allon met for two hours yesterday with West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt for a general exchange of views on the Middle East situation and a *tour d'horizon* of international affairs, Mr. Schmidt's spokesman announced after the meeting.

Mr. Allon conferred with Mr. Schmidt at his home where the West German leader is recovering from a case of pneumonia and pleurisy. The Israeli Minister was the first official guest since the Chancellor took ill almost two weeks ago.

Earlier in the day, in separate talks with Finance Minister Hans Apel and Development Aid Minister Egon Bahr, Mr. Allon discussed continued German capital aid to Israel.

No decision has been reached on an increase in assistance, but it appears that aid will continue to flow at least at its present rate of 140m. marks ($61.4m.) annually.

Mr. Allon's visit here was in its second day when West Germany was startled by the news that West Berlin's top Christian Democratic candidate in the forthcoming elections there on Sunday, Peter Lorenz, had been kidnapped, presumably by leftist radicals (details, page 4).

Bonn Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher flew immediately to Berlin, but was scheduled back in the evening for a dinner with Mr. Allon.

In other meetings here, the Israeli official met with Federal President Walter Scheel and opposition leader Franz Josef Strauss.

German sources said Mr. Allon's talks with Mr. Genscher had shown *that both Israel and Germany had* not and did not want to forget the Nazi past, but that both sides feel they are no longer "prisoners" of that past, and both look to the present and the future.

Indian pilots aiding Iraq against Kurds

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Indian pilots have been authorized to fly combat missions for Iraq against rebellious Kurdish forces, the "Washington Post" reported yesterday from Beirut.

Correspondent Jim Hoagland said reports reaching Beirut from Baghdad also said the number of Indian pilots in Iraq has increased significantly in the last two months to more than 100.

India has maintained a training mission in Iraq for more than a decade, but only a few dozen pilots.

Indian pilots have begun to fly support missions for the Iraqis in Soviet-made Mig-21 and Sukhoi-7 fighter planes, but are apparently under instructions not to fly beyond the front lines in Kurdistan, Hoagland said.

In the past, intelligence sources in Washington have said Soviet pi*lots have also flown combat mis*sions for the Iraqis against the Kurds.

Hoagland also reported yesterday that a sharp new dispute between Iraq and Syria has flared into the open, with press reports in Beirut charging that Syria was aiding the Kurds.

The rival Iraqi and Syrian Ba'ath parties have long been at odds, but over the past week the dispute has intensified, he said.

U.S. airlift to Phnom Penh

PHNOM PENH. — The U.S. began a Berlin-style airlift to Phnom Penh yesterday, flying in hundreds of tons of food in an attempt to keep the besieged Cambodian capital from falling to Communist-led insurgents. Ammunition has been flown in by U.S. planes for two weeks.

Rebel gunners fired three rockets into Phnom Penh's Pochentong Airport as the first DC-8 jets arrived, but the planes managed to unload without incident.

The insurgents fired another five rockets into downtown Phnom Penh yesterday, killing seven persons and wounding 17 others.

The special rice lift will last for 30 days and is costing $5.5m., paid for out of almost exhausted Cambodia aid funds.

North Vietnam yesterday attacked the U.S. Cambodia airlift as a violation of the Vietnam peace agreement, and said the action left open the door for possible retaliation, according to the New China News Agency. *(AP, UPI)*

Libya bans Egyptian papers

CAIRO (UPI). — The Libyan Government has banned the entry of all Egyptian newspapers and publications as of Wednesday, the Middle East News Agency said yesterday.

Iranian oil

WASHINGTON (UPI). — The State Department yesterday refused comment on a "New York Times" report from Cairo that Secretary of State Henry Kissinger had agreed that the U.S. buy Iranian oil for Israel in return for its agreement to return the 'Abu Rodeis oilfields to Egypt.

Soviet-Egypt trade pact

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviet Union and Egypt yesterday signed a trade agreement for 1975 that Egyptian sources said would total about $923m. The total trade turnover would be up eight to 10 per cent from the level of 1974.

Israel will never negotiate with the PLO

Rabin urges West to stand up to oil states

PARIS (Reuter). — Israel Prime Minister General Yitzhak Rabin yesterday called on the Western industrialized powers to stand up to the Arab oil-producing countries and help find a peaceful solution to the Middle East conflict.

In an hour-long interview with five journalists on the French television network, Rabin said most of the civilized world had become dependent on countries with oil resources.

"I think we see a unique phenomenon that the fate of the civilized and industrialised world — Europe, Japan and, to a lesser extent, the United States — is increasingly dependent on countries where oil is found," he said.

"Five or six hundred million people have become dependent on thirty to fifty million people that live under kings, sultans, sheikhs, and who knows what, that practically represent the medieval concept of humanity today.

"And unless the civilized world will face these realities, it will begin its decline — the kind of decline seen in the history of mankind."

Rabin added: "Instead of ignoring the real problem facing it, it is time for the civilized world to stand up and find a solution. Otherwise, it will be or might be too late."

The Israeli leader said that giving in to Arab leaders such as Libyan President Colonel Muammar Gaddafi was a false policy. "The assumption that you can appease people like Gaddafi at the expense of Israel is wrong," he said.

"Appeasement has never led anywhere. And to put expediency before basic moral values has brought more corruption to the extent that no strong civilized regimes have managed to overcome."

Rabin said the issue at stake was not whether Israel was isolated for the next two or five years. "We are isolated only to the extent of relations between ourselves and governments," he said. "I do not believe that we are isolated when it comes down to the attitude of peoples in the civilized world."

The Premier said the next move in U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's peace mission in the Middle East would concern an interim agreement solely between Egypt and Israel.

There is no room for an interim agreement between Syria and Israel, he said.

Rabin insisted that the impending discussions with Dr. Kissinger would deal with an interim agreement, not a partial agreement. "It has to be an agreement that stands on its own feet," he said.

"And this has nothing whatsoever to do with the relations of Israel with Lebanon, with Syria or with Jordan," he said.

The Israeli leader added: "I would say, at the moment, that I personally do not believe there is room, let's say, for another interim agreement between Syria and Israel. I believe that in the relations between Syria and Israel, we have to move from war to peace by one act... and I doubt whether the Syrians' intention is to have peace with Israel."

Rabin said he did not believe the Arab leaders were ready to move from war to peace. The alternative is the policy of peace step by step with Egypt, he said.

"I believe there will be only one step between the present situation and final peace between Egypt and Israel," he added.

The Prime Minister said that if this failed, "we will go to the plenary meeting in Geneva with the Arab countries, the super-powers and the United Nations." He added: "But I doubt whether that will produce anything."

He said he made a clear distinction between the Palestinian issue and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"The terrorist organizations' basic aim is the denial of the right of the Jews to have a sovereign state of their own... and they will never be a partner for negotiations," he said.

Rabin added: "I believe that in a context of peace negotiations between Jordan and Israel, when Jordan will be in a position to negotiate peace with us, we should find a solution to the Palestinian question, and I believe that such a solution can be found in a context of a Jordanian-Palestinian state."

The Israeli Prime Minister said he could see no reason to include France and its Common Market partners in the current peace moves.

He said he appreciated French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing's policy that Israel should have secure, recognized and effectively guaranteed borders.

"But Israel has not made any request for such guarantees," he said. "There is not a single example in which guarantees from major powers proved to be effective when a conflict breaks out. And I do not want to be in a position that our conflict with the Arabs should one day be the source for a confrontation between the big powers, a third world war."

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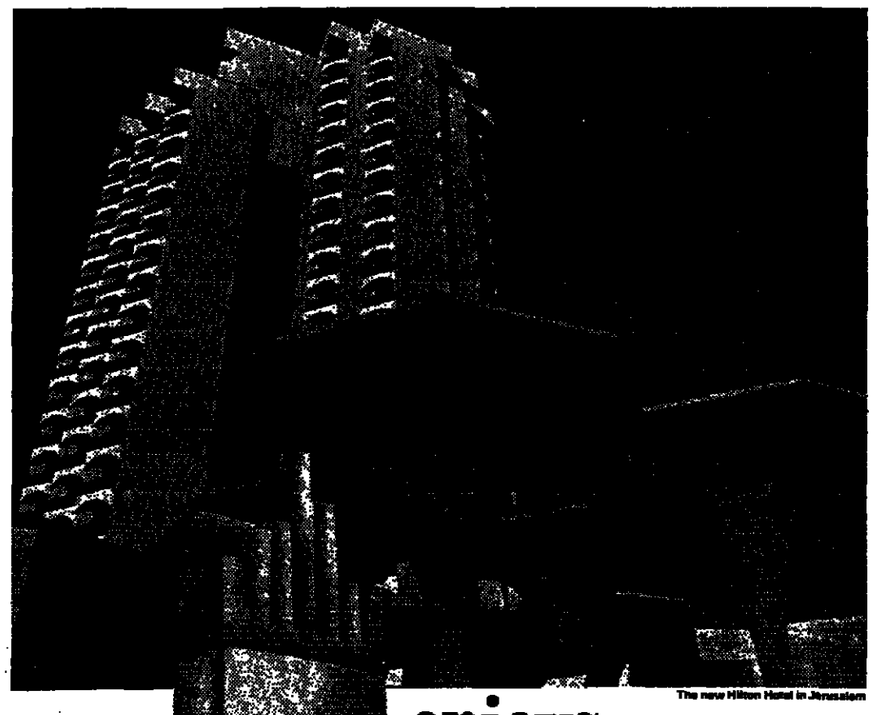

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to cloudy, with probability of local rain in northern and central Israel.

Outlook for Saturday: Scattered showers.

Weather synopsis: A shallow low over the East Mediterranean is causing unstable weather in our region.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	62	7—11	6—10
Golan	65	4—10	3— 8
Nahariya	57	7—17	— —
Safad	80	4— 8	4— 9
Haifa	63	8—15	10—16
Tiberias	70	8—16	8—21
Nazareth	62	7—13	7—13
Afula	57	4—16	4—16
Shomron	65	7—11	7—12
Tel Aviv	52	4—17	11—17
B-G Airport	45	8—17	8—17
Jericho	33	10—19	10—19
Gaza	58	11—17	11—18
Beersheba	49	8—17	8—18
Eilat	32	12—24	11—24
Tiran	21	15—25	14—24

Social and Personal

A visiting delegation of Jewish War Veterans of America yesterday called on Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu. Also calling yesterday on Mr. Yeshayahu were 200 of the delegates to the 41st National Convention of the Zionist Organization of Canada.

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The Japanese Ambassador and Mrs. Kazuhido Komuro yesterday held a reception at the Ramat Aviv Hotel, Tel Aviv, to bid farewell to the outgoing First Secretary and Mrs. Jun Matsufuji, and to welcome his successor and Mrs. Sumio Ono.

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General Karl Lutgendorf, Austrian Minister of Defence, on Wednesday called on Mayor Teddy Kollek.

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Mr. and Mrs. Al Schertzer, recent immigrants from New York, have become founders of the Shaare Zedek Medical Centre being built in Jerusalem. Friends are invited to attend a reception to mark the event at Shaare Zedek Hospital, 161 Jaffa Road, at 10 o'clock this morning, February 28.

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Avraham Wolfensohn, of Haifa University, will speak on Social Equality at the Haifa Engineers Club, at one o'clock today. Table reservations, by phone, 661932.

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The Oneg Shabbat forum (in English) at Hechal Shlomo, Jerusalem, at 8.30 this evening will be addressed by Rabbi Dr. S.M. Lehrman. Moshe Felber, spokesman of the Ministry of Finance, will present an analysis of the new budget. Cantor Aryeh Goldberg will conduct the singing of Zmirot. The Melave Malka programme will be held on Saturday night at S. Pinhas Eliav, of the Foreign Ministry, will be the speaker. Cantor Yehudah Lendner will provide the musical programme. The public is invited.

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An Oneg Shabbat in English will take place this evening at 9.00 at Ihud Shivat Zion, 86 Rehov Ben-Yehuda, Tel Aviv, opposite the Deborah Hotel. Tourists are cordially invited to meet Ben Hagai, formerly of the U.S., and Arieh Chapman, Tour Ve'Aleh. All welcome, Refreshments. *(Communicated)*

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To all my dear friends, Lehitraot, goodbye. Sonia Gidal.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Max Stollman, member of the Bar-Ilan University Board of Trustees, and Mrs. Stollman, head of the American Women's Division for Bar-Ilan University.

Dr. Meir Heth, Examiner of Banks, and Y. Milo, special manager of the Israel-British Bank (Tel Aviv), now in receivership, from London, in connection with the liquidation of the IBB (London).

Theodore D. Fedder, Director Overseas Operations, for the American Joint Distribution Committee, from Iran, for meetings on JDC/Malben programmes.

DEPARTURES

Uzi Narkiss, director of the Jewish Agency's Immigration Department, for New York, on official business.

Sinai death toll 17

EL ARISH. — The Beduin death toll from last weekend's Sinai floods rose to 17 yesterday, with the discovery of six more bodies. So far, the bodies of seven women, three men, and seven children have been recovered.

Over 900 of the Beduin livestock — mainly sheep and camels — also perished in the floods. Many Beduin encampments were wiped out, and 107 homes in El Arish itself were destroyed.

The search for bodies is continuing.

Pupils bruised when truck topples

ACRE. — A group of 26 Haifa schoolchildren on an outing were slightly injured yesterday when their passenger truck overturned between Metzudat Yesha and Ramot Naftali, in Upper Galilee. All were sent home after receiving first aid at the Safad Government Hospital. *(Itim)*

THE LAWN TENNIS Association is to receive a grant from the Government Sports Authority to enable it to invite players from abroad for next month's annual Passover international championships here.

CURRENCY in circulation rose this week by IL17,351,989, to stand at IL3,633m. Of this IL279m. was backed by gold, and the remainder by foreign-currency reserves.

Cities accept compromise on Gov't aid

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Executive of the Union of Local Authorities yesterday approved an agreement to freeze municipal rates for one year, in exchange for IL700m. in Government compensation.

The agreement was reached late Wednesday night at a meeting between Union representatives and the Ministers of Finance and the Interior, Holon Mayor and Union chairman Pinhas Eylon said yesterday.

In effect, the agreement means that the Government has had its way, and the Local Authorities will have to accept financial compensation instead of collecting higher rates. A face-saving formula for the municipalities was adopted, which will allow them to raise their rates formally but not to collect the extra sums.

This formula, worked out by Interior Ministry Director-General Haim Kubersky, was necessitated by the fact that most cities had already completed administrative steps needed to raise the rates. The mayors felt that simply abolishing the increases would constitute an infringement on their independence as elected officials.

The Government will pay the municipalities IL300m. to make up for the proposed rate hike. The cities will also receive Government help to cover a joint accumulated deficit of an estimated IL400m. A committee will be set up to study the problem of the deficits, and the mayors were promised that the problem will be taken care of with Government financial aid.

They were also promised that the Treasury allocations would be arriving regularly and on time. This has not been the case in the past and often cities had to take loans as a consequence.

Payroll tax attacked by Alignment MKs

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The announced payroll tax came under heavy fire from the Government's main constituent — the Alignment — when the Knesset yesterday resumed its debate on the 1975/76 Budget Bill.

Shoshana Arbeli (Alignment-Labour) warned that the tax, ostensibly on employers, would hit consumers. The prices of manufactures and farm products would rise, as would the prices of apartments, she warned. Industry would produce less for the domestic market. People would buy less farm produce and farmers would suffer.

Aharon Efrat (Alignment-Mapam) said the employers would win all round from the new tax. It would give them a moral justification for dismissing workers, while allowing them to raise their prices and at the same time deduct the tax from their income tax returns.

People who talk about "small pockets of unemployment" tend to forget that for the person who is out of a job, unemployment is a 100 per cent thing (David Coren — Alignment Labour)

The Treasury's programme to raise the purchase tax and introduce the payroll tax may herald a decision to postpone the overall tax reform which the public should be vigilant to prevent (Moshe Shahal — Alignment Labour)

The payroll tax should be applied on a selective basis only, to encourage certain sectors and discourage others. The level of services in the country generally need not be as high as it is in every field (Uzzi Feinerman — Alignment Labour)

Treasury officials say the public has not yet realized the full gravity of the economic situation, but in fact it's the Government — with its rejection of efficiency cuts — which has not yet woken up (Boaz Moav — CRM)

The Government could have saved money in the interest of the public, by reducing the number of Ministries, but party demands prevented this, and now the taxpayers carry the burden (Binyamin Halevi — Likud)

It's up to the Government and the political parties to set the public an example, by economies. But instead we have the Government intensifying its economic domination, and the party bureaucrats holding on to power with the aid of State funds (Akiva Nof — Likud, Free Centre)

The public expected tax reform, not a combination of improvization and distortion, like the purchase tax plus the payroll tax (Yitzhak Golan — ILP)

The payroll tax should be cancelled because it is likely to increase unemployment (Zvi Gershuni — Alignment Labour).

Low-income families should get immediate compensation, and wage earners should get the full cost-of-living increase. Money for this would be available if everyone paid proper taxes (Haviv Shimoni — Alignment Labour).

Most of the recent crime can be attributed to frustration on the part of the underprivileged sectors. Investment in the social field is just as important, therefore, as investment in security (Eli Moyal — Alignment Labour).

The Government has no idea how revenue and expenditure will shape up, nor how imports and exports will fare, so its Budget is an act of self-deception. The Treasury would do better to operate on a bi-monthly Budget (Eliezer Shostak — Likud Independent Centre)

Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz will reply to the debate next week, whereupon the Budget Bill will presumably be approved on the first reading.

Grenades in Jaffa; Holon bus burned

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A grenade went off in a Jaffa garden yesterday afternoon, causing very slight damage, shortly after one of the same type was found and safely dismantled in a public toilet not far away.

The explosion came just 24 hours after a Molotov cocktail did an estimated IL32,000 damage to a Holon-Tel Aviv bus, all of whose passengers escaped injury.

Police, who set up roadblocks after the grenade explosion, were yesterday questioning 250 suspects, most of whom were expected to be released before morning.

The Jaffa grenade that exploded went off at 3 p.m., in the bushy garden of a house at the corner of Magen Avraham Lane and Yehuda Hayamit. There were no injuries, even though a group of boys had been playing football nearby. Fragments from the grenade did some damage to ground-floor windows and shutters.

Police said the grenade had been of the Mills type, and had been attached to an improvised mechanical time-fuse.

Three hours earlier a soldier had called police to report seeing a Mills bomb in a dust bin at a public toilet in Jaffa's Sderot Yerushalayim, not far from the Noga cinema. A police sapper neutralized it.

Meanwhile, police are still trying to find who threw the Molotov cocktail at the Number 92 bus at 3.10 Wednesday, as it was passing near the police station in Holon's Rehov Eilat. Driver Haim Kurtz, who heard a strange whistling noise, stopped the bus and got the ten passengers off safely after he noticed thick black smoke curling from under his left rear wheel. After trying unsuccessfully to put out the flames, he grabbed his ticket dispenser and ran to the police station to get help.

Druse boy killed, 2 hurt by grenade

MASSADA. — A three-year-old Druse boy, Mohammed Mas'oud, was killed yesterday, and two other children, aged two, were seriously injured, when a grenade they were playing with exploded. The children had found the grenade on the roof of their house, at Mas'ud village, on the Golan Heights, near here.

IDF honours French veterans

A reavowal of the "bond of comradeship" between Israeli and French paratroopers was made yesterday at the IDF Paratroop Training School, where a group of French paratroop veterans of the Second World War were honoured at a luncheon.

The group, which comprised 40 persons, including wives and widows of fallen French paratroopers, toured the school's installations and observed paratroopers in training. One of the instructors told them that the casualty rate in parachute drops in the IDF was the lowest in the world — thanks to the meticulous care given to the parachutes, which are French-made.

The group leader, Colonel Le Maître, and the acting French Military Attache in Israel, laid a wreath at the monument to fallen IDF paratroopers.

The guests, accompanied by the French Ambassador, Jean Herly, yesterday also called on Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu.

Justice Haim Cohn at Rotary:

Work, not jail, is the proper punishment

By SRAYA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The punishment for criminals should be constructive work — not jail — according to Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohn. Speaking at the Rotary Club here yesterday, he said a committee which he headed had recently submitted to the Justice Minister draft legislation that would make provisions in that spirit.

Ideally, a man should never be sent to prison, where he only learns to be more of a criminal, Justice Cohn contended. He did not give details of his committee's proposals, but said it was based on Talmudic principles.

"A person responsible for the death of another in a road accident is today sent to jail," Justice Cohn observed. "Instead he should be made to help care for accident victims at a first aid station for a while, and learn what misery his carelessness has caused to others."

As for murderers, he added, judges have no choice under the law but to send them to jail. "But occasionally it is obvious that the victim is the real villain." He recalled the case of a man who had been threatened daily by the murderer of his daughter and friends. The man was jailed for the killing the rogue.

Justice Cohn said his colleagues in the courts were wary of explaining their decisions in public. "If the news media often misstate the reasons for their judgments. Rejecting recent criticism of "soft" sentences meted out to convicted criminals, he said:

"We are long past the age of justice related to deeds, not persons. A judge must weigh only the probable influence of the sentence on the culprit in the dock. There is no point in making an example of him just because he was caught — while perhaps nine others who behaved similarly are at large. Those who are not brought to justice will only think that they are too clever to be caught."

Justice Cohn defended the courts against criticism of their "leniency" towards persons convicted of assaulting social welfare workers. "If a social worker is attacked, it may be an indication that he is ill-suited for his job," he stated. "It would be a much greater wrong, he said, to send a man to prison while his 10 children are left hungry with no one to care for them.

4 held as Beersheba's robbers on the roof

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Police are holding four young men they believe are responsible for a novel wave of burglaries here — made by boring through the roofs of stores.

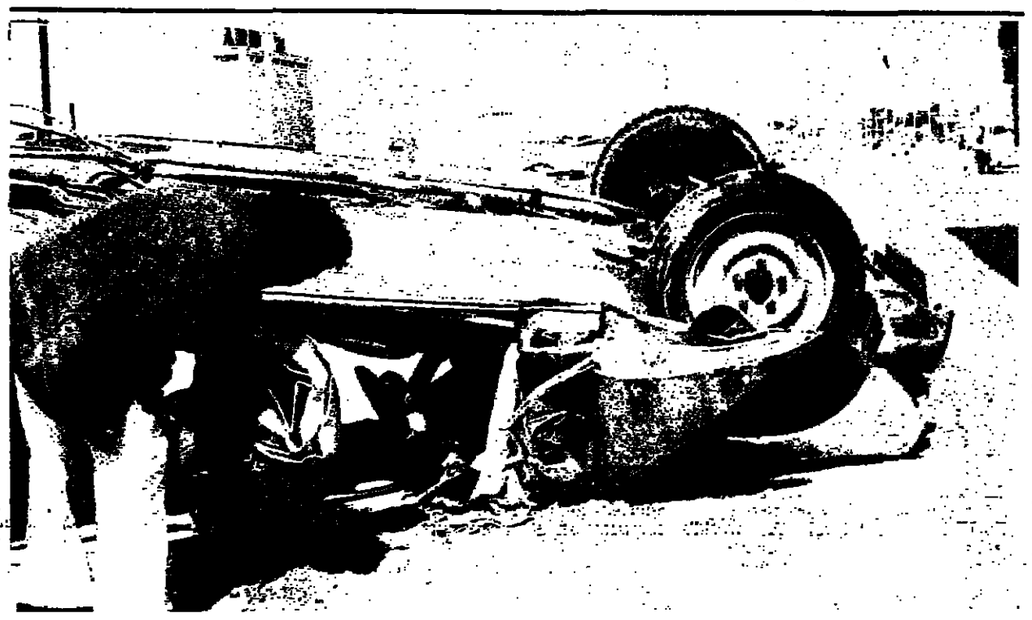
Held with the four, three of whom come from nearby Moshav Sharsheret, are two Beersheba shopkeepers believed to be their fences. Police say they have recovered IL150,000 worth of stolen goods, mostly electrical and optical items.

The four suspected burglars, all remanded for 15 days, are: Nahum Sebag, 20, a soldier; his brother Rafi; Avraham Guetta, 20, also a soldier — all of Sharsheret — and Yosef Cohen, 18, of Netanya. Police say they were led to the gang when a few bales of stolen cloth were found in Nahum Sebag's possession while he was confined to camp for disciplinary reasons.

The four are cooperating with police, it is reported. Police think the amount of goods stolen by the gang — all in the last few months — was far larger than what recovered so far.

Police said they also apprehended two juvenile gangs in Beersheba this week — one of them led by a 15-year-old girl. The gangs specialized in thefts from cars, and to an estimated IL20,000 worth of goods, police said. They were turned over to probation officers.

ENGLISH SOCCER star Bob Moore who arrived on Wednesday yesterday held his first working session at the Hapoel stadium in Kiryat Haim. He demonstrated newly-developed training methods to local coaches and youth team. Moore will give similar lessons in Jerusalem and Beersheba.



A woman driver emerged with barely a scratch from her car, which overturned yesterday on the Tel Aviv-Herzliya highway with the result seen here. (Ippa)

TV labour row: men insist on 10.30 closing

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel Broadcasting's TV technicians said yesterday they will cut off telecasts at 10.30 p.m., but they would allow occasional exceptions which run past the new closing time.

The closing time was set by the technicians' labour contract; anything beyond is overtime. The technicians this week declared a labour dispute over "management's foot-dragging" on recommendations for grade promotions. They said they would now insist on the 10.30 shut-off — as part of their dispute with management; but they will not automatically cut off features which run past the deadline.

10 pt. win over French quintet

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv Maccabi last night defeated Berk — the French basketball champion — 88:78, in the first leg of the European Cup Quarterfinals, before 10,000 spectators at the Yad Eliahu sports palace.

The 10-point win will give little joy to Maccabi supporters prior to the return game in France next week.

After an evenly-fought opening, in which the squads were tied 16:16, Maccabi surged ahead to 50:39 at half-time.

The home squad further increased its lead to 18 points—79:52 — but the French hoopsters rallied to narrow the gap to eight points before Maccabi finally won its 10-point lead.

PERSONS WHO PLANT poppies are liable to fines and jail sentences, the Police warned the public on Wednesday. He asked home-owners to make sure their gardens or flowerpots do not contain the opium-yielding flower.

Hard work makes the city green

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

At a time when the Government is calling for increased productivity to aid the hard-pressed economy, the Jerusalem Municipal Gardening Department has instituted an efficiency drive so successful that it has made money almost seem to grow on trees.

Despite sharp budget cutbacks, the department has increased productivity by at least a quarter, and is planting far more gardens and trees than originally planned. The 250-man staff has accomplished this by the simple expedient of working harder and longer.

Chief Gardener Mordechai Darwish, who two years ago won a Kaplan Efficiency Prize — an award normally given to industrial enterprises — initiated the efficiency drive two months ago. At a regular monthly meeting of the entire departmental staff, he put it to the men that savings would have to be made in view of the economic situation. If not, he warned, the Municipality might be forced to initiate mass dismissals and hire a private contractor to care for the city's greenery.

This double-edged plea — to patriotism and self-interest — drew a ready response from the men. They agreed to increase the park area each man is responsible for daily from 10 to 14 dunams. In wooded areas, the increase was from 15 to 20 dunams. Responsibility includes weeding, watering, spraying, trimming and general cleanliness.

Instead of starting work at 7 a.m., the men now begin 20 minutes to half an hour earlier. They have also agreed to drop one of their two half-hour meal breaks. The 3 p.m. finishing time remains unchanged.

The manpower thus saved has permitted the planting this month of three extra "greenery corners" — on Nablus Road, Rehov Hatayassim and the Bukharian Quarter — a playground in Rehov Henrietta Szold and 700 trees, all this above what was originally planned.

Cutbacks have caused the dropping of 30 workers in the past few months and the cancellation of plans to hire 80 new men after April 1. But Mordechai Darwish, who himself began as a labourer in the department, is confident that the city's flowerbeds will continue to blossom no matter how frigid the economic winds.

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On the 1st anniversary of the death of our beloved

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a memorial meeting and unveiling of the tombstone will take place at the Har Hamenuhot Cemetery, Jerusalem, Section 13, Terrace A, Row 5, Grave 23, on Tuesday, March 4, 1975 at 2 p.m. A special bus will leave from the Egged Central Bus Station at 1.30 p.m.

He will meet at the cemetery entrance.

HIS WIFE, CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN and GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN

Ulpan Akiva, Netanya

International Hebrew Study Centre, Israel

mourns, together with

Walter and the Wilson family in Israel and the United States, the passing away of

DOROTHY WILSON

a true and faithful friend, a woman of spirit who opened paths of faith through her personal beliefs.

We will always cherish her memory.

A memorial service will take place at the Garden Tomb, Jerusalem, 4 Nablus Road, on Sunday, March 2, 1975, at 2 p.m.

The interment will take place afterwards, at the American cemetery, Emek Refaim Road.

THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

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On the thirtieth day after the death of our dear

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we will go to his graveside on the Mount of Olives, on Sunday, March 2, 1975 at 3 p.m.

The Family

A memorial service for

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EVERYONE WELCOME

We share the sorrow of

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and mourn our friend

Dr. RENZO GUASPALIA, Eng.

Alda and Joses Mochi

We mourn the death, after a long illness, of our dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother,

SABINE ZUCKER

(née Bloch)

The funeral will leave today, Friday, February 28, 1975, at 12 noon, from the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Dafna, for the Kiryat Shaul cemetery.

Please refrain from condolence visits.

In the name of all the families:
Daughter, Rena Steinberg
Son, Dov Zuriel

We deeply mourn the sudden passing of our dear and devoted neighbour and friend,

RABBANIT CHAYA REGENSBERG ז"ל

Our sincerest sympathies to the bereaved families.

Friends and neighbours
5 Rehov Bialik
Beit Hakerem, Jerusalem

We announce with sorrow the death of

ARTHUR LEINER, Eng.

Lvov-Haifa

The funeral will leave from Sha'are Zedek Hospital, Jerusalem, today, Friday, February 28, 1975, at 11 a.m.

HIS FRIENDS

My dear, beloved only sister and our aunt and niece

ALICE ROTHSCHILD ז"ל

has suddenly been taken from us.

The funeral will take place today, Friday, February 28, 1975, and will leave from the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Dafna, at 11.30 a.m. for the Holon cemetery. Transportation will be available.

ROSA ROTHSCHILD AND FAMILY

Knesset to debate major parties' bid for cheap loans

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The treasurers of the Labour, Herut and the National Religious parties are looking forward anxiously to next Thursday, when they hope the Knesset Finance Committee will approve State guarantees for loans to cover their debts, running into many millions of pounds.

The loans will be low-interest, unlinked, and repayable over 20 to 30 years, the party treasurers hope.

The Knesset plenum yesterday voted unanimously to hold a debate in the wake of two motions for the agenda, critical of the loan-guarantee idea, presented by the Citizens Rights Movement and Moked.

After yesterday's vote, the Knesset Presidium decided to have the plenum debate next Wednesday, and Finance Committee chairman Israel Kargman, main backer of the loan-guarantee idea in Labour, put the issue on the agenda of his Committee for next Thursday.

Under the House Rules, the Finance Committee, on which only the large factions are represented, has absolute powers to approve State guarantees requested by the Minister of Finance. Labour secretary Meir Zarmi has already written to Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, asking for loans totalling IL25.5m. to be guaranteed, but the Minister has not yet referred the request to the Knesset body. The other indebted parties had not asked for money as of yesterday.

A Labour Knesset Member, who told *The Jerusalem Post* that "the State should only help parties which have proven to the public that they have tried to help themselves," said that the Mapai wing of Labour still owned valuable property, which it had refused to transfer to Labour. This enabled Labour to plead that it was penniless, he said. The informant (who asked to remain anonymous) said Mapai had undoubtedly had some of over a dozen properties which it formerly owned, directly or though trusted members. But some property still remained, he charged.

He said that Labour leaders' statements that "the only thing the party owns is the Beit Berl Labour College near Kfar Saba which couldn't possibly be sold, ignored the fact that the Beit Berl property included many hundreds of dunams of valuable agricultural land. Some of it is planted with fruit-trees and it could well be sold."

Knesset Member Menahem Hacohen's donation of IL250 to help cover Labour debts was emulated yesterday by two other Labour MKs. Shoshana Arbeli sent Meir Zarmi IL250 and Esther Herlitz sent IL100. They wrote that after every member of the Labour Party had donated a sum according to his means and desires, to cover the debts, Labour's request for State aid would be seen in a different light.

Labour has to try and get its faction into line by next week, to ensure maximum support for the loan guarantees. However, the Rafi wing of Labour objects, while in the Ahdut Avoda wing, only Adi Amoral and Avraham Gewelber have supported the idea. Moshe Carmel, Shoshana Arbeli and Yitzhak Ben-Aharon are against. *In the Mapai* wing, apart from Herlitz and Rabbi Hacohen, Aryeh Eliav and Yossi Sarid are also campaigning against the loan guarantees.

The Mapam wing of the Alignment is in record as opposing.

In the Knesset yesterday, Shulamit Aloni (CRM) said in her motion that the indebted parties had "plotted" to get the loan guarantees approved in the privacy of the Knesset Finance Committee. She might look favourably on the proposal, she claimed, if the liquidation of the debts would lead to true internal party democracy, and convince parties to be frank about their material assets and liabilities.

She said the entire proposal would give the parties IL100m. in loans, and that 80 per cent of this would virtually be a grant, because of the easy terms — long-term, unlinked at low interest.

Aloni said that Herut, which claimed it was paying pensions to bereaved families of Irgun Zvai Leumi fighters for many years, got more money from the Irgun than it gave.

She charged that the Interior Ministry (controlled by the NRP) channelled funds to one of its party *institutions through the Rosh Ha'a*yin local council (which it controls at the local political level).

Meir Pa'il (Moked) said the Knesset Financing Law gave the Knesset full powers to vote on loans, guarantees and allocations to the parties. This could not be left to a Committee. The economic plight of the country threw a strange light on the parties' request for money now, he said.

He said the parties must ensure internal democracy and rotation of office-holders. If they were bankrupt both ideologically and financially, they should make way for parties which were solvent on both counts, he said.

No Herut MKs were in the chamber during the debate. The party, which told Labour the night before that it would not oppose a plenum debate, explained that it had a caucus yesterday morning and did not realise the Aloni-Pa'il motions were already being presented. Its absence was therefore *fortuitous, it said.*

IN BRIEF

HOW MANY IDF ex-officers were authorized by the Defence Ministry to open agencies for the import of military equipment in the past few years? Pesach Grupper (Likud) asks Defence Minister Shimon Peres in a question tabled yesterday.

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THE SUPREME COURT will have 11 Justices instead of ten, the Knesset decided yesterday, approving a decision of its Law Committee.

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YAFFA SUISSA'S HYPNOSIS case reflects the grave dangers inherent in non-medical hypnosis and the need for proper legislation, the Alignment's Micha Harish said yesterday, in a call for an urgent Knesset debate.

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THE ARAB BOYCOTT Office decision to boycott the Bahais merits an appeal by the Minister for Religious Affairs to the heads of the world's faiths, Hillel Seidel (ILP) said in a question tabled yesterday to Minister Yitzhak Raphael.

Seatbelt law delayed again

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The law requiring drivers and front-seat passengers to use their seat-belts will not go into effect on April 1, but will probably be postponed until the first of June or July, the Transport Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

Enforcement of the law had originally been scheduled for April 1, 1974. But former Transport Minister Aharon Yariv, who had only recently taken over from Shimon Peres, decided to postpone implementation for one year. The purpose of the delay was to allow the Ministry further checking into technical problems with seat-belts.

These included the unsatisfactory quality of some makes, the anchor points for the belts in *some makes of car, and the prob*lem of how to provide a belt for the second passenger sitting in the middle of the front seat in some large cars.

The Ministry now says a firm date cannot be set until the results of the annual car tests are collected and evaluated. Without the data from the February and March tests, any final decision on regulations governing the belts would only be based on the findings of 10 months of tests, according to the Ministry.

The spokesman's statement did not explain why nine or 10 months of checking the country's cars would not provide sufficient facts on which to base firm regulations.

Two or three more months are needed to prepare the driving public for the enactment of *the law, it is felt. Approval for* a postponement and a new date for enactment will now be up to the Knesset Economic Committee, which is expected to deal with the matter next week.

When the original one-year postponement was anounced last March, some experts felt lives could be saved by immediate enactment — even if all belts were not yet up to required standards. The same argument applies to the present postponement.

Yitzhak Meir Abramovitz (Aguda Bloc) yesterday demanded an urgent Knesset debate on the further postponement.

European MPs criticize Unesco

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Unesco's bar against Israel last November has drawn a formal protest from 20 members of the parliamentary assembly of the Council of Europe, according to Declaration No. 32, received in the Knesset Speaker's Bureau yesterday

The 20 signatories noted that Israel's representation in the Council of Europe was visible evidence of the Council's special relationship with this country. They said Israel would make an important contribution to the work of Unesco in the European region.

Unesco member states, and the governments of the 18 members of the Council of Europe, should rescind the anti-Israel decision, taken by the 18th general assembly of Unesco in Paris last November 21, as soon as possible, the signatories said. The list of signatories will remain open till the end of 1975.

The initial signatories are: Czernetz, Schwencke, van Ooijen, Margue, Krieg, Miotti-Carli, Beaumont of Whitley, Adriaensens, Sieglerschmidt, Pierre Weber, de Stexhe, Lewis, Fletcher, Cornelissen, Richter, Marquardt, Ahrens, Voogd, Muller and Karasek.

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Immediate start to Eilat rail plan

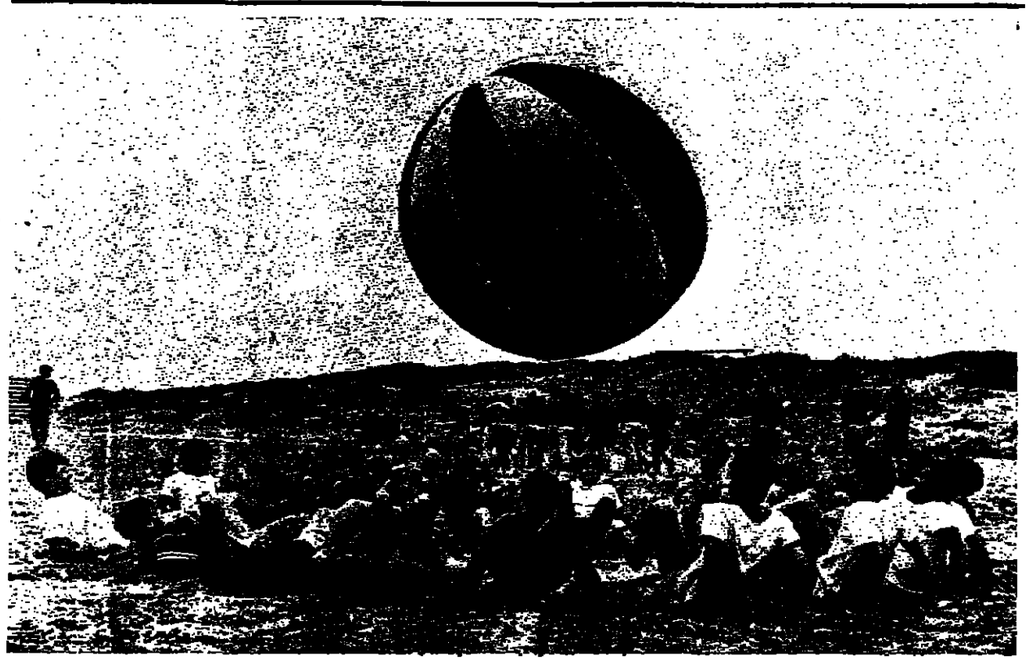
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi has ordered the immediate start of planning for a railway line to Eilat. The Minister told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the plans would completed within 18 months.

He said the plans would be of a general nature for the length of the line, with detailed plans for the Eilat end, in order to ensure its right of way, and provide for potential industries to be built alongside. The IL1.5m. cost of the plan would come from the budget of the next fiscal year.

Yesterday afternoon, the Minister met with Mayor Yosef Almogi to discuss Haifa transport development, and they agreed on IL14m. worth of road widening and extension projects for the next fiscal year. In addition, IL300,000 would be spent to improve the passenger terminal at the municipal airfield.

Later, Mr. Ya'acobi opened an exhibition of 104 paintings and seven sculptures on maritime subjects at the National Maritime Museum here. The works were by members of the Artists Union and amateurs working on the sea.



The army's new super medicine ball being launched by two-score feet at a recent test. The medicine ball, the only one of its kind in active service so far, weighs as much as two average soldiers; several more are expected to be commissioned soon. The device is the invention of Sgan-Aluf (Res.) Amos Bar-Hama. (Segal)

Avis expands vehicle fleet

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Avis Rent-a-Car yesterday inaugurated its new premises at 80 Rehov Hamasger and its Israel manager, Shimon Danai, said they expect to increase their fleet to some 800 vehicles this year, including an additional 100 small and medium-sized cars. The total includes commercial vehicles leased out by the company, Mr. Danai said.

Avis House in Tel Aviv will not only service the 17 affiliates in Israel but also serve as a regional accounting centre for Cyprus and Greece.

David Longridge, Vice-President and General Manager, Europe, revealed that the company had outgrown its principal competitors and now ranked as biggest in Europe. Much of the company's Israel trade is expected from French and German customers this year. He believes these two countries will be the first to recover from the impact of soaring fuel prices and benefit from expanding economies.

Avis Israel earned $2m. in foreign currency last year.

Ramallah communist 'was not an agent'

Military court acquits Barguti

RAMALLAH. — Bashir Barguti, the Ramallah businessman and Communist activist, was yesterday acquitted of all charges of espionage against him by the military court here.

The president of the court, Sgan-Aluf Gershon Orion, said the prosecution had not proved that Barguti was a member of the Palestine National Front, the military arm of the Jordanian Commimist Party. It had also not been proven, the court held, that the contents of a letter which Barguti attempted to deliver to a member of the party's political bureau in Amman was of a criminal nature or was harmful to Israel security.

According to the charges, in the beginning of 1974 Barguti had gathered information on the activities of security forces against seditious elements and he had put this information in the letter (which was intercepted by the Israel security authorities).

The letter was intended for Dr. Yaacoub Zayadin, who has contacts with the terrorist organizations. But, the court noted, the letter contained nothing more sinister than the names of administrative detainees in Israel. In it, Barguti merely asked if it was possible to appeal to Israel "working public" and "men of good-will" to express their solidarity with the Jordanian Communist Party.

The court held that there was not the slightest indication in the letter that the Jordan Communist Party and the (terrorist) Palestine National Front, which had split away from the mother party, were now one and the same thing.

Moreover, the letter had even expressed Barguti's doubts concerning the terrorist activity carried out by some of his party comrades, the court said. It noted that the prosecution had never charged Barguti with actual membership in a hostile organization, that is, the Palestine National Front.

The prosecution had not argued, much less proved, that every member of the Jordanian Communist Party was necessarily a member of *its terrorist off-shoot, the court* said.

The letter was not written by an agent, the court concluded, but by a man whose main concern seemed to revolve around his fellow party members in detention. The listing of their names could hardly be construed as security information, since "every person in the West Bank knows who was arrested."

The court commended Barguti's behaviour throughout the trial as "honourable and correct" and said his testimony was "thoroughly credible."

Heading the team of 10 defence attorneys was Felicia Langer. Among the spectators during yesterday's reading of the verdict were Rakah (New Communist) Knesset Members Tawfik Toubi and Tawfik Zayyad. *(Itim)*

Figures show rise in West Bank prosperity

By ZE'EV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The per capita income and living standards of the West Bank Arabs rank second highest among Arab Middle Eastern countries, Aluf Rafael Vardi told a meeting of news editors here yesterday.

Aluf Vardi, the Army's coordinator for the West Bank and Gaza Strip, said per capita income now stands at $430 per year, slightly above that of oil-rich Iraq and second only to Lebanon, which is at the top of the list with a $750 per capita average.

Before Israel's presence in the West Bank, the one million population depended on outside support. In the pre-1967 West Bank, there were 360,000 social cases, and Unrwa rations constituted the main source of food intake for most of the area's inhabitants.

This situation has dramatically changed and there are now only about 60,000 souls on relief. The rest of the populace has become economically self sufficient. Thousands of workers from the two areas had found employment in Israel.

Annual incomes were increasing by an average of 15 per cent and the gross product increasing at a 12 per cent rate, Aluf Vardi said, adding that the West Bank population was rapidly becoming a consumers' society.

Some 30 per cent of the population have television sets. Refrigerators, which were practically non-existent before the Israeli presence, are now found in some 30 per cent of West Bank homes. Over 95 per cent of the homes have radios. The number of cars owned by West Bank citizens has tripled and there are five times as many tractors.

Military administration offices have been swamped with applications from ex-West Bankers, asking permission to resettle in the areas. "If we were to accept all of them, we would have witnessed an influx of tens of thousands of people," Aluf Vardi said.

'More can be done to get investments'

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Although the world's economic crisis makes investments very difficult at the present time, an international financier believes that "more can be done to get the kind of investments Israel needs."

"The willingness of Jewish businessmen to invest in Israel is as strong as ever," Aaron Gutwirth yesterday told *The Jerusalem Post*. He and his wife, Miriam, took part in ceremonies at the Technion, marking the completion of the third and fourth buildings in the Gutwirth Science-Based Industries on the campus.

Mr. Gutwirth declared that businessmen would not invest in Israel for reasons of Zionism. He said they should establish enterprises based on their experience and know-how in order to help Israel, both in technology and financially.

"They should build the business to earn money," he said. "Then, they can spend the profits on Zionism."

It was his contention that granting special conditions and tax exemptions to investors in order to attract them to Israel will not pay off in the long run. "*It discriminates against estab*lished enterprises and may well drive them out of business — possibly out of the country," he explained.

If the Government feels taxation is too high for investors, it should be lowered for all businesses, old and new alike, he stated.

Mr. Gutwirth said that notwithstanding present investment difficulties, Israel should be selective in approving new investments. He cited the example of Singapore where the government will not approve new investments if it believes they have little chance of succeeding, even though the investor is risking his own money.

Mr. Gutwirth has been active in the Israel economy through his Allied Company for the past decade. Allied, a holding company, which he owns by himself, operates a number of enterprises in the construction, engineering and transportation field with a turnover of "several hundred million annually."

He is also chairman of the Guarantee Insurance Company, the Guarantee Insurance Company, established by the 1968 Economic Conference, which guarantees housing loans for new immigrants.

"The company is making a profit and paying dividends against my advice," he reported. "I feel a new company should accumulate capital before starting to pay dividends, so that it will have a strong footing."

At yesterday's ceremonies, Mr. Gutwirth also laid the cornerstone for the fifth building in the complex, which will eventually house 20. So far, IL2m. has been spent, half by the Government matching his contribution. The rents from the buildings are donated for scholarships and research grants to Technion staff and students, including 17 awarded yesterday, for a total of IL122,000. The centre provides temporary facilities for newly-founded industries, which can utilize the Technion's scientific know-how and facilities until they can branch out on their own.

Maronites turned back at border

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ROSH HANIKRA. — The Lebanese authorities, in a sudden change of mind, yesterday prevented three Maronite women from Haifa from crossing the border to visit the newly-elected Maronite patriarch in Beirut.

The women had received permits from the Israel and Lebanese authorities in advance, and after crossing from the Israel side at noon, were taken to the Lebanese post in an International Red Cross car. There the three women, one aged 70, were held up for nearly three hours and then sent back without explanation.

Earlier this month the Lebanese authorities permitted a group of 15 Israeli Maronites to cross the border to congratulate the patriarch on his election.

TA to close primary school

TEL AVIV. — Deputy Mayor Haim Bassok announced yesterday that the City has decided to close down the Ben Yehuda elementary school and turn its building over to the Hakalir junior high school.

The decision, expected to be vigorously contested by the Ben Yehuda parents, was taken by a joint Municipality and Education Ministry committee. The number of Ben Yehuda pupils is on the decrease, and the committee rejected the parents' protest that the 300 children will now have a long trip to school. It said there are a number of nearby elementary schools which involve no more crossing of roads than at present.

'Contrary' antibodies being studied in cancer research

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMAT AVIV. — Clearer understanding of the body's failure to mobilize against cancer is emerging from research at Tel Aviv University's department of microbiology.

Dr. Yitzhak Witz, a department researcher, reported on Wednesday that antibodies have been discovered in cancerous tumours that behave contrary to the usual patterns. Dr. Witz's research has shown that the antibodies found in some cancerous tumours, rather than fulfilling their proper function of protecting the body against disease, help the cancer to overcome the body's natural immunological systems. So far such antibodies have been discovered in mice and in colon and breast tumours of human beings.

Witz explained that there apparently are certain enzymes that can "degrade" an antibody and convert it from its true function to that of defending the cancer cell. Experiments showed that the incidence of tumours went up significantly when mice were injected with antibodies from tumour cells.

Witz spoke to reporters after the inauguration ceremony of a research laboratory for cancer research and the endowment of a chair in cancer research. The Julius and Helen Lieber chair for cancer research and the laboratory were the gift of Julius Lieber, a retired chartered accountant.

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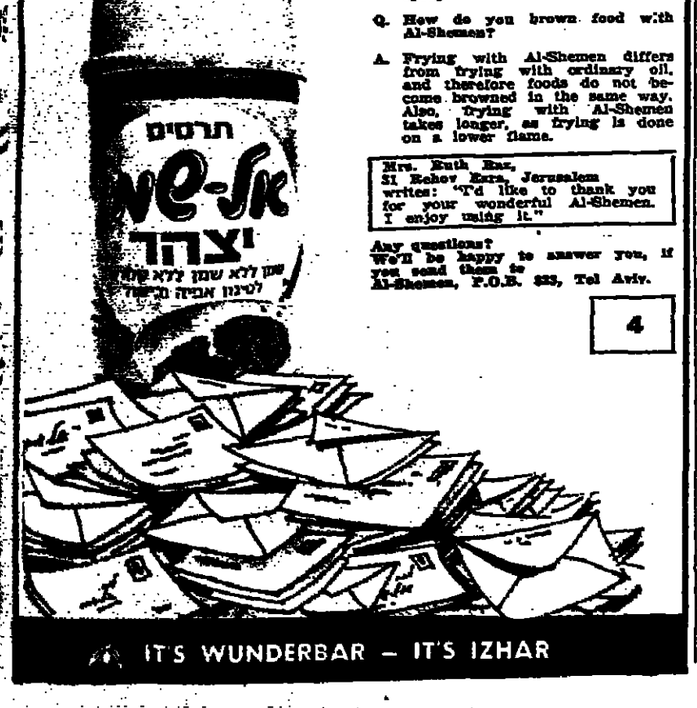

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U.S. planes spy on Mideast from Cyprus

NICOSIA (AP). — Cyprus has permitted U.S. reconnaisance planes to use a British airbase in the south of the island for special missions to monitor Arab and Israeli troop movements, informed sources said here yesterday.

These flights were carried out with the tacit approval of both Israel and the Arab "confrontation" states, as necessary for the peace-making role of U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, the sources said.

But the whole operation was kept secret to prevent embarrassment to both the Arabs and the Israelis, and the neutralist government of Cyprus' President Archbishop Makarios.

The use of the British airbase of Akrotiri by the American U-2 spy-planes was uncovered following the chance arrest of four American Air Force personnel by the Cyprus police in Nicosia earlier this week. The airmen, in civilian clothes, were mistaken for spies when they were observed taking photographs near the cease-fire line and Turkish sectors of the island capital. They were released after questioning.

But press reports about their arrest provided the first indication that U.S. airmen were at the British airbase of Akrotiri.

Pressed for comment, a U.S. Embassy spokesman in Nicosia admitted that a number of U.S. Air Force personnel were at Akrotiri, adding that the Cyprus government was aware of this. He refused to reveal either the number of American airmen at the base, or what they were doing there.

The British airbase at Akrotiri is one of two British sovereign base areas kept on the island after Cyprus gained its independence from Britain in 1960. A British-Cypriot treaty specifies that the British bases on the island are to be used only by British forces, excluding the stationing of any other foreign troops there without the consent of the Cyprus Government.

The news that the Cyprus Government has consented to the stationing of American spy-planes at Akrotiri is bound to cause acute embarrassment to the "non-Alignment" administration of Archbishop Makarios, in view of the current anti-American feeling of most Cypriots, who blame the U.S. for the Turkish invasion of the island last summer.

Uproar over delay in Lisbon's vote campaigns

LISBON (UPI). — The military government's decision to delay the opening of campaigns for the April 12 elections yesterday created an uproar among the country's major political parties.

The government gave no reason for the 20-day postponement, but politicians said they believed it was in reaction to civilian opposition to the desire of the ruling Armed Forces Movement (MFA) to retain major post-electoral powers.

A Socialist Party (PSP) delegation led by Foreign Minister Mario Soares met with an eight-man MFA ad hoc committee for more than four hours to discuss the military proposal. Other parties called their senior officials to their headquarters for an emergency meeting on the issue.

Political sources said the military told the parties last week that unless an agreement could be reached on the MFA plan, the campaigns could not open as scheduled on Monday.

The proposal calls for the parties to agree to let an MFA-dominated Council of State have the power to introduce and veto legislation passed by future elected governments. The military also want the right to reject proposed presidential candidates and retain the powerful Ministries of Defence and Economy.

The election on April 12 was called to select about 250 delegates for a National Constituent Assembly. This body is to write a constitution for a presidential-type government to be elected later this year.

The postponement of the campaigns coincided with the disruption of another political rally early yesterday by members of the extreme left. This time the target was a meeting of the left-of-centre Popular Democratic Party (PPD) that drew 300 supporters in Sacavem, a small town near Lisbon.

Ethiopian forces battle guerrillas for key town

ADDIS ABABA. — Ethiopian troops and Eritrean secessionist guerrillas were locked in heavy fighting for control of Keren — a key road and rail junction between the provincial capital, Asmara, and the Sudan border, reliable sources said here yesterday. The fighting has been going on since the weekend, and casualties on both sides were said to be high.

Diplomats said that government forces have opened the highway to Keren, clearing the way for reinforcements and supplies to be brought from Asmara.

The rebels sealed the Keren road shortly after launching an attack on Asmara on January 31 in an attempt to gain independence for Eritrea. Two battalions stationed in the town had been cut off since then.

Isolation and capture of Keren is a major guerrilla objective, diplomats said. It would be from there that an independent Eritrea is likely to be announced.

Meanwhile, in Beirut, Hubert Faumtleroy Julian, known in the U.S. as "the Black Eagle of Harlem," yesterday offered $25m. worth of arms to the Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF) and "hundreds of black fighter pilots" to help fight Ethiopian government forces. The colourful 78-year-old soldier of fortune ran Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie's air force during the war against the Italians.

(UPI, Reuter)

Representatives of the Arab Boycott of Israel Office meet at the Arab League headquarters in Cairo yesterday to discuss the removal or addition of firms to their blacklist. The 10-day conference opened on Sunday. (AP radiophoto)

Boycott 'only logical,' claims Arab official

CAIRO (UPI). — Mohammed Mahgoub, chairman of the Arab Organization for the Boycott of Israel, yesterday lashed out against President Ford's criticism of economic discrimination of foreign firms, saying "it is only logical" for Arab countries to apply pressure on the Jewish state.

"It is only logical that the Arab countries should resort to the adoption of legitimate measures enabling them to put pressure on Israel with a view to getting it to respect the rules of international law and principles of international legitimacy," Mahgoub said.

Ford, in a news conference on Wednesday, said "attempts to discriminate on religious or ethnic grounds... are totally contrary to the American position and repugnant to American principles."

Mahgoub, without mentioning Ford by name, read a three-page statement adopted by the Arab boycott office meeting in its biannual session.

"The Arab boycott of Israel is a legitimate means of legitimate self-defence," he said. "Not only does it harmonize with the rules of international law, but it also constitutes a force to realize just peace in the Middle East.

"Another point is that the rules of the Arab boycott are not an Arab innovation," he said. "Such measures were first instituted by European and Western countries in the face of similar situations."

The boycott office, set up in 1948 after the first Arab-Israeli war, maintains a blacklist of those foreign companies whose business dealings with Israel contribute in some way to the country's economy, industry and military effort.

The delegates from all 20 Arab League nations have been meeting at the Nileside league headquarters to set policy and readjust their boycott list, which numbers about 2,000 companies in the world.

In their fifth day, the members dealt with 16 firms, deleting three of them, adding three others and deciding against including 10 questionable cases, among which were the American firms, Smith-Corona Machine Corp., Franco Manufacturing and Chemical Bank of New York.

Strikes in Southern Lebanon

BEIRUT (UPI). — The cities of Sidon and Tripoli, as well as thousands of students in Beirut, went on strike yesterday to protest Wednesday's armed clashes between demonstrating fishermen and army and police forces in Sidon, local newsmen reported.

An army corporal was killed and four persons wounded, including former Deputy Maarouf Saad, in the clashes.

Armed persons fired into the air yesterday to force the few shops that lifted their shutters in Sidon, the largest city in South Lebanon, to close down, the newsmen said.

Wednesday's demonstration was staged to protest a government decision to award coastal fishing rights to a large commercial company.

In the northern city of Tripoli, witnesses said fishermen used their boats to block the entrance to the Tripoli harbour as a sign of protest. Others marched to the highway connecting Lebanon and Syria and blocked it with rocks and tyres.

Thousands of university and high school students in Beirut boycotted classes to protest the government's "suppression" of Wednesday's demonstration. Leftist political parties have called for a nationwide strike today also in protest.

In a separate incident, an army soldier shot and killed two persons and wounded a third in the South Lebanese town of Kfar Roumman yesterday after apparently going berserk, the Defence Ministry said.

A communique issued by the Ministry said the soldier, Jeryess Khalil Moussad, 29, was suffering from a "psychological condition." He left his barracks near the town 14 kms. from the Israel border at dawn and knocked on the first door he saw, the statement said. When Hussein Ali Ghabrish, 40, opened the door, Moussad fired his rifle and wounded him seriously, it said.

The soldier then walked on until he met a civilian car, fired at the driver and a companion, and killed them both. Moussad wandered on until he reached the town of Nabatiyeh, the provincial capital of the area, where he turned himself over to military police.

LINK TO BAADER-MEINHOF

Gang kidnaps W. Berlin candidate for mayor

BERLIN (UPI). — A fugitive woman anarchist and two men yesterday kidnapped the Christian Democratic Party leader in West Berlin, using his own car for the first stage of their getaway.

Police said the trio ambushed the chauffered official limousine carrying Peter Lorenz to work yesterday morning as it reached an intersection in Berlin's Zehlendorf residential section.

A rented truck suddenly blocked the intersection, police said. Then a small Italian-made car trailing the conservative politician — driven by a woman with long blonde hair — rammed the limousine from the rear, as a third German-made Ford drove up to block escape on one side.

Lorenz's judo-trained driver jumped out, only to go down under a blow from a heavy object. He recovered consciousness just in time to see the limousine being driven away, and a man carrying a sub-machine-gun jump into the Ford and follow Lorenz's vehicle.

Police said that after studying a number of pictures, the driver identified the woman as Angela Luther, a 34-year-old "anarchist" long the object of a police hunt.

Police link Miss Luther to the Baader-Meinhof gang of urban guerrillas, many of whom are now in prison awaiting trial for murder and other violence. They said the gang had used a Berlin apartment rented by her as a weapons cache and hideout, and had employed a car registered in her name in a Munich bank robbery.

Several hours after the kidnapping, police discovered Lorenz's heavy black Mercedes limousine, its windshield smashed, in an underground commercial garage in the Charlottenburg district. The Ford was found abandoned at a curbside nearby.

The kidnapping came just 72 hours before the polls open in West Berlin's legislative election. In the spirited contest Lorenz, 52, was seen as having a good chance of unseating long-time Mayor Klaus Schuetz, a member of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's Social Democratic Party.

All three parties represented in the West Berlin legislature — Schuetz's Social Democrats, Lorenz's Christian Democrats and the Free Democrats (the small liberal party led by Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher) — immediately suspended all campaign activity.

Hoover kept secret files on Presidents

WASHINGTON (AP). — U.S. Attorney General Edward H. Levi told Congress yesterday that the secret files kept by late F.B.I. head, J. Edgar Hoover, included derogatory information about Presidents, Executive-branch officers and 17 members of Congress.

Levi said he had discovered at least one instance when material in files was used improperly, and other cases in which Executive-branch officials used the FBI for political purposes.

He did not identify persons covered in the files.

Levi made the disclosures in testimony before a House of Representatives subcommittee examining the FBI's past and present practices of collecting and keeping information about members of Congress. The Attorney General said current FBI director Clarence M. Kelley agrees that no secret files on specific individuals should be kept in the director's office.

'Where is your bomb, please?'

DENVER (AP). — The U.S. Government now has a set of questions to ask bomb threat callers.

The form, given department heads at the regional Federal offices here, instructs the telephone operator to seek the exact words of the caller in answer to these five questions:

- "When is the bomb to explode?
- "Where is the bomb right now?
- "What kind of bomb is it?
- "What does it look like?
- "Why did you place the bomb?"

The operator is also asked to describe the caller's voice by sex, age and tone, and to say whether or not it is familiar. Any background noise should be noted.

There is also a space for "additional comments."

Dowager wants to replace dogs in experiments

LONDON (UPI). — A 74-year-old dowager drove by limousine to a chemical company Wednesday and volunteered to chain smoke 30 cigarettes a day for three years and then be killed so her organs could be examined.

The company turned her down.

Lady Parker, widow of Britain's former Lord Chief Justice, made the offer after reading about experiments using beagle dogs that are forced to smoke as part of cancer research projects.

Lady Parker travelled with her two Labradors, Charles and Suzy, in a chauffeur-driven car to the London offices of ICI Chemicals, the firm carrying out the research.

"He said I was too old," she said after an hour-long meeting with Dr. Alfred Spinks, ICI's research director. "He also said they would not end the experiments."

Turkey arms cut-off worries Nato chief

WASHINGTON (AP). — Nato Secretary-General Joseph Luns yesterday expressed the grave concern of the European allies over the decision by the U.S. Congress to cut off arms deliveries to Turkey.

"If the arms embargo remains, Turkey will remain inflexible" on the Cyprus issue, Luns told a news conference.

Concluding four days of talks in Washington, including his first meeting with President Gerald Ford, Luns said that despite the serious weakening of the Atlantic Alliance's southern flank, "not all is wrong with the Atlantic Alliance."

The Dutch statesman — a former Foreign Minister of the Netherlands — strongly indicated that should the U.S. embargo remain in effect, some of the European allies might fill the vacuum and supply Turkey with military hardware.

"It could be done," Luns said and recalled that Italy recently gave eight aircraft to Turkey.

Although most Nato members in Europe have "deplored what has happened" — meaning the Turkish invasion of Cyprus and, especially, the unilateral establishment of a semi-independent Turkish-Cypriot state — "there is no point in punishing them," Luns said.

Luns appeared to be satisfied with the growing military cooperation between France and the Atlantic Alliance, although he stressed that the 1966 decision by the late President Charle De Gaulle to dissociate his country from Nato's military structure "still stands."

Portugal, he said, remains a "big question mark; we do not know what will happen and the Portuguese don't know either."

Although the economic situation in the European member countries has weakened in the last year, Luns said the allies are now "less worried about the energy crisis than they were six months ago." Consumption has been cut considerably — in Belgium by 30 per cent and in Holland by 20 per cent and "there are signs that the price of oil might go down," he said.

Turkey will develop own atomic bomb

LONDON (UPI). — Turkey has decided to develop its own atomic bomb, the "Financial Times" said yesterday in a dispatch from Ankara.

Quoting Turkish Defence Minister Kihsmi Sancar, the newspaper said Turkey took the decision in the wake of a U.S. arms embargo following the Cyprus invasion.

The halting of Italian aid and temporary suspension of German military assistance also contributed to the step, Sancar said.

"Under these conditions, basing national defence on national power and resources has become a matter of top national and government priority," Sancar said, according to the newspaper.

"We are working on nuclear energy. There are plans to manufacture atom bombs and nuclear reactors. We have reached a fairly advanced state in rocket manufacture, he said.

Air France execs warned to buy French or quit

PARIS (UPI). — The French Government is wrangling with Air France over whether to replace some of its jetliners with French or American planes.

Finance Minister Jean-Pierre Fourcade threatened on Tuesday to fire the executives of Air France, a State-owned company, if they did not buy the French-made Mercury to replace a medium-distance fleet of 34 aging French-built Caravelles.

Air France reportedly wants to buy the Boeing 737 or the McDonnel-Douglas DC9, both of which are relatively cheaper than the Mercury and have a longer range.

"I am sure Air France will buy the Mercury and not an American plane," Fourcade said. He said Air France's executives should consult with the French Government, their principal stockholders, and "if they don't, we shall change the executives."

The Air France management said in a communique on Wednesday that it was considering the Mercury, made by the Dassault-Breguet firm. "But the present model and its flying range do not meet our needs," it added.

The Mercury has a range of 1,400 kms. compared to 1,600 for the Boeing 737 and 1,900 for the DC9.

Kahane won't appeal U.S. jail term

NEW YORK (UPI). — Rabbi Meir Kahane, former head of the militant Jewish Defence League, said this week he will not appeal his one-year Federal prison sentence for violation of his probation. He also was given permission to delay the start of the sentence to March 18 because of an upcoming speaking tour.

Kahane, had been given five years' probation for a 1971 U.S. conviction for conspiring to make a firebomb, on condition he avoid all contact with weapons. Brooklyn Federal Judge Jack Weinstein ruled on Friday that Kahane's conviction in Israel — for trying to ship arms to Germany to avenge the 1972 Munich massacre of Israeli athletes —meant he had violated his parole.

Outside the courtroom, Kahane told reporters he will "escalate the pressure on the Russian government to permit Jews to emigrate to Israel" once he is released.

Met. asks staff to take salary cut

NEW YORK (AP). — The Metropolitan Opera staff was called together Wednesday and asked to take a 10 per cent cut in pay next season to prevent the closing of the opera house.

Anthony Bliss, executive director of the Metropolitan Opera, spoke to a silent throng of singers and workers, saying, "our very existence is threatened."

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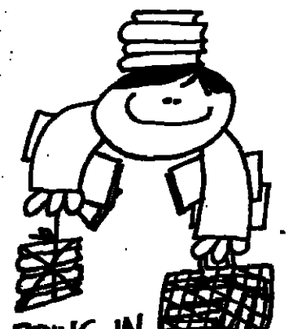

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North Korean ship sunk in collision

SEOUL (AP). — A 50-ton North Korean boat collided with a South Korean naval vessel and sank while North and South Korean and U.S. warplanes streaked overhead on Wednesday night, the Defence Ministry said here yesterday.

A broadcast by the official North Korean News Agency monitored in Tokyo later yesterday said the boat was a fishing vessel and was sunk deliberately by the South Koreans. The agency termed it "barbaric piracy."

The South Korean Ministry said the boat that sank was one of two North Korean vessels found cruising about 30 kms. south of the westward extension of the military demarcation line between the two Koreas. A search was begun for survivors of the vessel, but none was reported immediately, it said.

The North Korean broadcast said the incident occurred late Wednesday "in the open seas" west of Korea's Ongjin Peninsula.

It charged that "many warships and even aircraft" from South Korea "launched a brutal bombardment on 12 fishing boats of our side... and committed the barbaric piracy of sinking one of them by hitting it with a warship."

The South Korean Ministry said the incident almost triggered a dogfight between the two Korean air forces, with jet fighters from each side coming within 25 kms. of each other. Formations of Phantom fighter-bombers of the U.S. Air Force, operating out of air bases in South Korea, were on hand in support of South Korean jets, it said.

The collision occurred after the naval ships began chasing the Communist boats and challenged them in accordance with international maritime procedures, the Ministry said. The North Korean vessels ignored the contact attempt, it said.

SOVIETS ENCIRCLE UK RIG

LONDON (UPI). — A Royal Navy minesweeper sailed yesterday to a North Sea gas production rig, which reported it was surrounded by Soviet ships, defence sources said.

The rig reported on Wednesday that a Russian trawler sailed past at a distance of about 250 metres. A launch was sent to identify the trawler, but turned back when two other Soviet trawlers moved in, apparently in order to cut it off.

By late evening the rig reported a Soviet cargo vessel was cruising in the area and a dozen trawlers were at anchor nearby.

The defence sources said the HMS Brinton, a Royal Navy fishery protection minesweeper, had been dispatched to investigate the situation.

The rig is owned by Amoco and is situated 24 kms. from the mouth of the Humber River, about 224 kms. northeast of London. The rig was erected only recently.

A similar incident occurred in June, when another Amoco rig was circled by Soviet ships, apparently trying to gather information on the rig's operation.

The British Government made a formal protest to Moscow and demanded assurances there would be no repetition.

Woman sprays shots at Melbourne police

MELBOURNE (Reuter). — A young woman wearing a crash helmet fired 50 shots at police from the top of an oil refinery storage tank in Melbourne Wednesday, before surrendering. No one was hurt.

The woman arrived at the British Petroleum Company's Port Melbourne refinery on a motorcycle and blazed away with a rifle from the 33-metre-high tank for more than two hours before a policeman climbed to the top and talked her into giving up.

GOOD SHOW.—The Shah of Iran (left) and Pakistan Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto congratulate a Pakistani provincial minister at a lunch-time song and dance session held after a hunting trip near Bhutto's home town of Larkana. The minister had just finished performing a folk-dance. (AP radiophoto)

Argentine guerrillas kidnap U.S. diplomat

BUENOS AIRES. — Leftist guerrillas, who kidnapped the U.S. consular representative in Cordoba, yesterday demanded as ransom that the government reveal the whereabouts of six presumed political prisoners who had disappeared.

A communique from the left-wing Peronist guerrilla group Montoneros said 62-year-old John Patrick Egan, an American businessman who handled consular affairs in the interior city of Cordoba, would be released as soon as police told where their six companions were located.

Egan, who is suffering from a heart ailment, was taken from his home on Wednesday at gunpoint by the guerrillas.

A Montoneros communique sent to newspapers said Egan "will be returned when the forces of repression reveal the whereabouts of the six companions who disappeared in Tucuman."

Tucuman is a northwestern Argentine province where army and police units recently conducted an anti-guerrilla sweep.

Cordoba has been a traditional centre of leftist terrorist activity and labour agitation. *(AP, UPI)*

Heavy vote in Philippines referendum

MANILA (AP). — Filipinos voted yesterday on whether they want President Ferdinand E. Marcos to continue his one-man rule, and Marcos reported voting was "very, very heavy all over the country."

No results were available immediately after voting ended yesterday evening everywhere but in the Manila area. Voters there had another four hours of polling this morning.

An explosion in a movie house in Zamboanga on Wednesday night killed five persons and wounded 24, and a mortar barrage wounded eight civilians yesterday in Cotabato City, reliable sources reported. Both cities are in Mindanao, scene of a 29-month-old rebellion by Moslems seeking self-rule.

But Hashim Abudbakar, a Moslem member of the government election commission, reported on the Manila television station: "Despite a rain of mortar shells in Cotabato, there was a heavy turnout of voters."

Marcos seeks in the referendum to bolster the authority of his martial-law regime to help him deal with such problems as the Moslem rebellion. Martial law was imposed in September 1972.

Surveys of voting in the Tondo waterfront area of Manila indicated a boycott urged by anti-Marcos forces was having little impact. Four hours after voting started, more than 40 per cent of those registered had cast their ballots in several precincts which had been a target of boycott campaigners.

Bishop Eraneo Manalo of the independent Church of Christ, a Philippine sect with more than 500,000 members, ordered his flock to vote against Marcos.

Former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan and his wife Rahel on their arrival Wednesday at London's Heathrow Airport. Mr. Dayan is in Britain on a fund-raising mission. (AP radiophoto)

Dutch give up on ransom in Syria

THE HAGUE (UPI). — The Dutch Government has given up hopes of recovering from Syria the $300,000 ransom it paid to Japanese "Red Army" terrorists in exchange for the latter's French Embassy hostages last September, Premier Joop den Uyl said.

The terrorists had surrendered the money to the Dutch captain of their getaway plane, who then handed it over to the Syrian authorities when the plane reached Damascus.

Den Uyl, replying to opposition questions in parliament, said the Government had been unable to find out what happened to the money. He added that it had lately become clear that there was "no longer any reason to expect steps with the Syrian government to have a positive result."

The money had been given on September 17 to three terrorists who four days earlier had taken over the French Embassy.

Queen wins pay raise and cheers in London

LONDON (UPI). — Queen Elizabeth won cheers and a £420,000 raise from Parliament Wednesday night, but only after one lawmaker called her a civil servant with a crown and another demanded she pay taxes like everyone else.

After a three-hour special debate the House of Commons voted 427-... in favour of the salary boost proposed two weeks ago by Prime Minister Harold Wilson.

The Queen herself was not on hand to hear the decision. She is on a state visit to Mexico.

Such a large winning margin had not been anticipated. The debate was forced by left-wing parliamentarians in Wilson's own Labour Party who opposed the sizeable increase at a time when Britain faces severe economic problems.

But the threatened revolt crumbled and MP's cheered and applauded for several minutes when the outcome was announced.

Queen Elizabeth's salary for this year now will be £1.4m. (IL19.6m.).

The bulk of the additional funds is to go towards pay increases for royal household staff that includes ... full-time private secretaries, 78 clerical workers, eight librarians, 180 butlers, footmen and domestics and nearly 200 other employees.

An announcement that the Queen would contribute £150,000 of her own money to ease the burden on British taxpayers carried little weight with some of her more vocal critics in the House.

"The royal family has no magic about it at all," said Labour MP Willie Hamilton, an outspoken anti-monarchist.

"They are no more than glorified civil servants, one of whom has a crown on her head. They open things, close things and eat things. That is about it."

Fellow Labourite James Wellbeloved described mounting concern in Britain over extensive tax exemptions granted to the royal family.

"Those who decline to take seriously the widespread and genuine concern about taxation on the royal income do so at the peril of the monarchy itself," he said.

In supporting the pay raise, Chancellor Denis Healey said the "humbly paid men and women" on the royal staff earned salaries averaging about £30 (IL420) a week.

King wins better pay for women at Wimbledon

LONDON (UPI). — Women's tennis star Billie-Jean King flew back to California yesterday after winning a better pay deal for women at next year's Wimbledon championships.

The threatened women's boycott of the 1975 tournament was lifted Wednesday after Mrs. King, ... times Wimbledon champion, was promised a bigger percentage of the prize money for women next year by Air Chief Marshall Sir Brian Burnett, chairman of the All England Club.

"I am very satisfied with the outcome of the meeting. It's a big improvement for the women," Mrs. King said following Sir Brian's recommendation that in 1976 the women's ratio of prize money be increased to 80 per cent of the men's from the quarter-final onwards in the singles and to 80 per cent of the men's in the doubles for the winners and runners-up.

Sir Brian said he had made it clear to Mrs. King that no changes were possible at this stage for the 1975 championships.

He said the championship committee thought that 70 per cent of the men's prize money was "about right" for the women for this year's tournament.

Mrs. King, 31, said: "Conditions are improving. We are certainly going in the right direction. I couldn't be more delighted with today's meeting. I am quite sure that most of the Women's Tennis Association members, if not all of them, will be very happy with what has happened." She is president of the association.

She removed any fears of a boycott by saying: "We will not be having any rival events going on during Wimbledon and we will all be here, myself included, if we are well and able."

Muscovites wait hours to see modern art

MOSCOW (Reuter). — The Soviet Union's longest officially-sanctioned exhibition of non-orthodox art closed on Tuesday after being seen by an estimated 20,000 people.

The show, held in the bee-keeping pavilion of Moscow's Economic Achievements Exhibition, was the first in the Soviet capital for 50 years devoted solely to art falling outside the State-espoused creed of socialist realism.

Despite a complete absence of official publicity, the queue to see the show at times reached half a kilometre, strictly regulated by uniformed police and volunteer helpers. Some people waited five hours to get in.

All 20 artists showing a total of ...4 works are members of the Union of Graphic Artists, grouping freelance designers and illustrators.

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Soviets arrest dissident author

MOSCOW (AP). — Soviet security police have arrested dissident author Anatoly Marchenko, who wrote an account of Soviet prison camp life, sources said yesterday.

A telephone call from the town of Tarusa, south of Moscow where Marchenko has been living in exile since his release from a labour camp in 1971, said Marchenko was seized on Wednesday night after a four-hour search of his home.

In December, Marchenko announced he had formally renounced his Soviet citizenship and applied for permission to emigrate to the U.S. The sources said Marchenko handed in the last of the documents needed for emigration the day before his arrest.

Marchenko became known in the West with publication in 1969 of a novel, "My Testimony," which provided an autobiographical account of life in Soviet prison camps. He was jailed for anti-Soviet actions although the novel was not published in the Soviet Union.

According to the sources, Marchenko's arrest appeared connected with his failure to report to police daily under conditions of his exile.

HIROHITO. — Emperor Hirohito of Japan has accepted President Ford's invitation to make a state visit to the U.S. in early October, the White House said yesterday. The visit is expected to last about two weeks.

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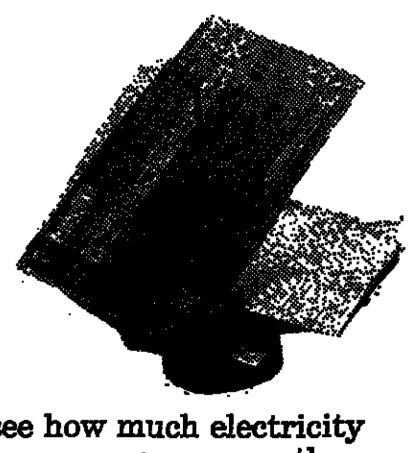

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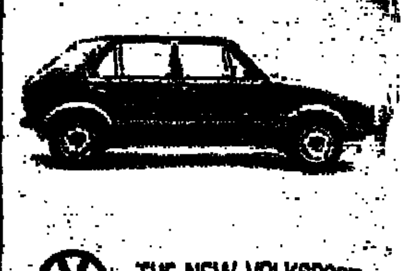

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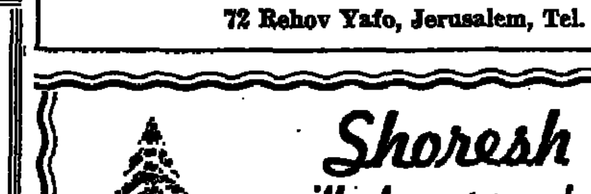

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Beit Knesset Mercazi, Talbieh: (14 Rehov Hovevei Zion, Talbieh); Tonight: 5.20 p.m.

Har-El Synagogue (Progressive Judaism) 16 Rehov Shmuel Hanagid, near Bezalel Museum. Tonight: 5.30 p.m. Sermon: Rabbi A. Zaoui. Tomorrow: 9.30 a.m.

World Council of Synagogues (Conservative) at United Synagogue of America Centre: Rehov Agron 4. Tonight: 5.00 p.m.: Sermon: Rabbi Josef Green. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.30 a.m.

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Young Israel (28 Rehov Ben-Tzion, Givat Shaul). Tonight: 5.15 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 5.30 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit 8.00 a.m. Minha 5.30 p.m.

Young Israel (Rehov Bar Yohai 47, Katamon) Tonight: 5.15 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 a.m.

Young Israel (Block 107, Sanhedria Murhevet). Tonight: 5.15 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 a.m.

Hebrew Union College (Rehov David Hamelech 13). Tomorrow: 10 a.m.

TEL AVIV

The Great Synagogue (110 Allenby Road) Tomorrow: Shahrit, 7.30 a.m.

Ihud Shivat Zion (88 Rehov Ben-Yehuda). Tonight: Minha 5.25 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 6.30 and 8.30 a.m. Minha 5.20 p.m.

Ihud Shivat Zion (Beit Hamore, Rehov Nathan Strauss 5) Tonight: Minha 5.25 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.00 a.m., Minha 5.20 p.m.

Kehilat Sinai (Conservative, B'nai Brit House, 10 Rehov Kaplan, corner Hameasfim). Tomorrow: Shahrit, 9.00 a.m., Parashat Hashavua: Rabbi David Haber.

Kedem Synagogue: (Progressive Judaism, 20 Rehov Carlebach); Tonight: 5.30 p.m. Tomorrow: 9.30 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Moshe Zemer.

Beit Haknesset Geulat Yisrael (Rehov Mercaz Ba'alei Melacha 16). Tonight: 6.00 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.30 a.m.

Kehilat Ramat Aviv (Progressive Judaism: Jacob-Efter Hall, Peretz Naphtali Bldg. T.A. University); Tonight: 6.00 p.m.

BAT YAM

Minyan Tzi'irim Ramat Hanassi (4a Livorno); Tonight: 5.30 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 a.m. Minha, 4.45 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

Hatechiya Synagogue: Tonight: 5.25 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit 7.45 p.m. Parashat Hashavua: Mr. Barkol. Minha 5.15 p.m. Shiur Gemara, Mr. Weizman.

Emeth V'anava Congregation (Progressive Judaism); 57 Derech Jabotinsky. Friday: 6.00 p.m. Saturday: 9.30 a.m.

Beth Haknesset Ramat Hen (5 Rehov Ramat Hen); Friday: 5.30 p.m. Saturday: Shahrit, 7.45 a.m.

SAVYON

Tiferet Yitzchak Synagogue (6 Rehov Hadarom). Tonight: 5.20 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.30 a.m.

KFAR SABA

Haminyan Hahadash (Schechuna Eliezer). Tonight: 5.35 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 a.m., Minha 5.30 p.m.

PETAH TIKVA

Young Israel (Ramat Werber School Rehov Anderson); Tonight: 5.30 p.m., Tomorrow: Talmud: 7.00 a.m. Services: 8.00 a.m.

KIRON

Young Israel (Rehov Shlomo Hamelech). Friday: 5.30 p.m. Saturday: 8.00 a.m.

KFAR SHMARYAHU

Beit Haknesset Hechal Habanim: Tonight: Minha 5.00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 5.15 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Shmuel Avidor Hacohen. Minha 5.15 p.m.

HERZLIYA

Young Israel (Hotel Hod, Rehov Hanassi) Tonight: 5.30 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.45 a.m.

NETANYA

Beit Yisrael (Conservative). (13 Rehov Rav Kook). Tonight: 5.30 p.m. Tomorrow: 9.00 a.m.

Netanya Progressive Congregation (35, Rehov Ussishkin). Tonight: 5.30 p.m.

New Synagogue (7 McDonald St.) Friday: 5.30 p.m. Saturday: 8.00 a.m. Children's Oneg Shabbat 3.30 p.m. Study Group 4.30 p.m. Minha 5.15 p.m. Sermon: Rabbi Emanuel Forman.

HAIFA

Moriah Congregation-Conservative (7 Rehov Horeb, Ahuza): Tonight: 5.15 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 9.00 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Charles W. Siegel.

Haifa Progressive Congregation of Hadash (Small Theatre, Beit Rothschild) Tonight: 5.30 p.m. Sermon. Saturday: 9.00 a.m. Sermon.

RISHON LEZION

Young Israel (34 Rehov Hanotrim) Tonight: 5.00 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.30 a.m.

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REHOVOT

Adat Shalom Synagogue (Conservative, B'nai Brit Hall, 183 Rehov Herzl). Tonight: 5.30 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit 8.30 a.m. Sermons: Rabbi Meir Ydit.

ASHDOD

Kehilat Etz Hayim — Conservative (Geulim School, Ezor Aleph) Tonight: 5.30 p.m. Tomorrow: 9.00 a.m.

ASHKELON

Kehilat Netzach Yisrael (Batsheva Gerbovov Community Centre, Derech Ya'acov Chaham, corner Harel, Afridar). Tonight: Kabbalat Shabbat 5.00 p.m. Saturday: Shahrit, 9.00 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Pinhas Spectre.

BEERSHEBA

Family Congregation of Omer (Conservative) (Omer School Auditorium): Kabbalat Shabbat 5.30 p.m. Sermon: Rabbi Michael Graetz. Tomorrow: Shahrit 9.00 a.m.

Young Israel (Shikun Beit). Tonight: 4.45 p.m. Tomorrow Shahrit, 8.00 a.m.

Progressive (Telephone 73737): Tonight: 6.00 p.m., Sermon: Rabbi Mayer Perelmuter.

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Baptist Congregation (Rehov Narkis, Jerusalem); Saturday Services. Bible Study: 9.45 a.m. Worship 11.00 a.m.

Church of Christ (across street from Rockefeller Museum). Bible Classes: 10.00 a.m. Worship: 11.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Wednesday: Bible Classes, 6.00 p.m.

Christ Church (Anglican) Jaffa Gate. Holy Communion. 8.00 a.m. Evening Service, 6 p.m.

Lutheran Church (Muristan Rd., Old City, Jerusalem). Arabic: Every Sunday — 9.00 a.m. — Church of the Redeemer; English: Every Sunday — 9.00 a.m. — Crusader's Chapel (next to Church); Deutsch Jeden Sonntag um 10.10 Uhr. Morning Prayer 8.10 a.m. every Thursday in the Crusader's Chapel (next to the Church).

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Church of the Nazarene (Main Street, near Galilee Hotel) Sunday Services: 10.00, 11.00 a.m., 7.30 p.m. (Tel. 065-54315).

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SATURDAY

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The Jewish Scene by Geoffrey Wigoder

What the future holds for Soviet Jewry

A FAVOURITE speculation of the period before Soviet Jews were allowed to emigrate was "How many Jews would leave Russia if they were permitted?" One of the more optimistic predictions came in the book "Between Hammer and Sickle" written by Liuba Eliav (under the pseudonym Ben-Ami) in 1967. He thought that between half a million and a million Jews were ready to emigrate in a first wave and the continuation would depend on the success of their absorption. In general, the estimate of the first wave was "a few hundred thousand."

Now that the gates have been partially opened, 100,000 have already left; perhaps as many more have, in one way or another, shown their desire to leave; and an unknown quantity have not the opportunity to make their wishes known. But it is clear that — barring some major upheaval (or tragedy) inside Russia — many, and probably most, of Russia's Jews (numbering 2,150,000 at the last census) will remain in the U.S.S.R. What does the future hold for them?

This question is tackled by one of the best-informed authorities on Soviet Jews, William Korey, in the U.S. magazine "Midstream" (published by the Herzl Foundation). Korey's conclusions are based on a careful study of the latest Russian census and other demographic materials. The 1970 census showed a decline in the number of Jews — at a time when it was estimated that in reality there were perhaps three million Jews in the country. The discrepancy has to be explained by the extent of assimilation — the census-taker was told to accept whatever nationality a Soviet citizen might claim and if Soviet Jews chose, they could lie about their ethnic origin.

Intermarriage played a major role in the population decline. In the Russian Republic, about a quarter of all Jewish males are intermarried and in the Ukraine over a third (elsewhere the rate is much lower). When the child of a mixed marriage grows up, he can take his choice of nationalities — and only 12-18 per cent of the children of mixed marriages register as Jews. Here is an indicator of a further likely dwindling of the Jewish population. The areas less affected by assimilation (e.g., the Baltic Republics, Georgia) are having their numbers depleted by emigration.

MOSTLY IN CITIES

Jews are already almost exclusively concentrated in urban areas — and this is unlikely to change. Today 50 per cent of Soviet Jews live in the four cities of Moscow, Leningrad, Kharkov and Kiev. The attempt to settle Jews in Birobidjan failed long ago. Their numbers there have dropped from a quarter of the population to 6 per cent and the decline is expected to continue.

The age-structure of Soviet Jewry is already top-heavy. Thus in the Russian Republic only 15 per cent of the Jews are in the under-twenty age bracket compared with 35 per cent for the Russian population. This can be attributed to various factors, including the impact of the Holocaust and the urbanization of the Jews. It will be further accentuated by the otherwise limited exodus as the proportion of emigrants in the childbearing category has been unusually high — in 1972, half the Jewish emigrants were under 31.

Linguistic assimilation to the Russian language will grow even more. Decline in Yiddish-speakers over the past 50 years has been precipitous. In 1926, over 70 per cent of Soviet Jewry gave Yiddish as their main language; today the number of Yiddish-speakers is down to 13 per cent. This will be further affected by natural processes (as elsewhere in the Jewish world) and by emigration. Over the long run, linguistic assimilation will probably be total. (Those who interest themselves in Hebrew are not interested in Jewish culture in the U.S.S.R. but in aliyah).

No Jewish cultural activity is permitted. There are no schools or classes and the one Jewish publication, the servile "Sovietish Heimland," has reduced its press run from 25,000 to 10,000. Religious life is in a precarious state with almost no rabbis and religious articles for the remaining 35 synagogues. The one Soviet centre of a flourishing Judaism, Georgia, is disintegrating as a result of emigration.

Korey finds significant indications for the future in statistics relating to developments in higher education. Up to the present, proportionately Jews far outnumber any other nationality, including Russians, in attaining higher education. In the Russian Republic 68 per cent of the Jews are designated as specialists with a higher or secondary technical education. One quarter of Moscow's Jews are supported by individuals in scientific work (Jews have concentrated on science and technology; among Ukrainian Jews with doctorates, 80 per cent got the degree in medicine and the sciences and only 8 per cent in the humanities).

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

The remarkable academic performance has been achieved despite the preferential admission quotas instituted after World War II. In various ways, Jews managed to circumvent the restrictions — although they are excluded or sharply restricted in pursuing careers in politics, diplomacy, foreign trade, military affairs and in any security-sensitive area. Institutes preparing candidates for such careers are almost totally *judenrein*. A secret government circular issued in 1970 specified the undesirability of employing Jews (euphemistically referred to as "persons belonging to a nationality the state organization of which pursues an unfriendly policy in relation to the U.S.S.R.") in institutions connected with defence, rocketry, atomic weaponry and "other secret work."

Since 1968, the severe tightening of the quota system has led to a decline of the position of Jews in higher education. The number of Jews has fallen drastically (it has dropped by 20,000 over five years) and today the percentage of Jewish students is 1.9. The tendency is towards an accurate reflection of population proportions in the numbers of students receiving higher education. This presages the halving of the number of Jewish students today (to 0.9 per cent of the total) with the other being excluded from higher education. The forecast therefore is of a precipitous decline in the number of Jews in the professions and among scientific workers. Already there is a decline in the most popular of Jewish professions — medicine.

It is, of course, precisely the intimations of anti-Semitism on various levels which sparked off the revival of Jewish nationalism and Zionist tendencies in recent years.

Korey recalls that nearly a century ago, Czar Alexander III's adviser Pobedonostov predicted the disappearance of Russian Jewry: one third, he said, would assimilate; one third would emigrate; and one third would be killed. Taking the Holocaust into consideration, this prophecy looks to be uncannily accurate.

A young fan kisses Shuswap brave Black Feather, who this week performed Indian dances at benefit performances for crippled children. He and his accompanists, Canoe Maker and Canoe Girl, all from Canada, are in Israel on a good-will mission sponsored by CP Air. (De Castro for Israel Sun)

TRIPS ABROAD FOR DISABLED VETS

By Lea Levavi

Jerusalem Post Reporter

For disabled veterans, particularly the newly disabled, a trip abroad can play an important part in the rehabilitation process. For the Jewish families with whom they stay, the experience results in a closeness to Israel which even the best tour cannot provide. "It does both sides good," explained Rena Behrman — vice-president of Wizo in England and the moving spirit behind a programme of home hospitality for Israeli war disabled.

Since 1951, Mrs. Behrman has been involved in bringing wheelchair athletes from Israel — first limited to war-wounded but later including civilians as well—to the games held at a rehabilitation hospital near London. "There was no social life at the games, so we arranged receptions, theatre outings and other activities for them." About three years ago, during one of her many visits to Israel, Mrs. Behrman was asked by Yosef Lauttenberg—today director of the Beit Halohem Rehabilitation and Recreation Centre for War Disabled—if she could arrange home hospitality in London for groups of ambulatory war-wounded.

ENTHUSIASM

"She couldn't give me an answer right away, of course," Mr. Lauttenberg said, "but it didn't take long before her enthusiasm was shared by the entire Jewish community. The first group of 20 veterans visited London three years ago, and so far, four groups are planned for 1975, each with over 30 participants, with additional groups being organized for later in the year."

Mrs. Behrman and the many devoted families she has enlisted in the project have the young men in their homes during their entire stay, usually two weeks. "Of course, the boys are not randomly distributed. Some request Orthodox families or at least families which observe the dietary laws. We also try not to place boys with severe facial burns in homes where there are small children, for fear the children may make remarks."

The host families bring the boys to a central meeting place each morning, where a coach waits to take them on the day's rounds of activities. "All the boys with artificial legs have their own cars at home and walk very little. The tours, however, require quite a bit of walking and while some find this a problem, others have told me that it was a great experience because they saw they could do it and that they don't have to be invalids."

About 75 per cent of the men in this year's tour groups will be veterans disabled in the Yom Kippur War, with the remaining places apportioned among candidates wounded earlier. All those selected have at least 45 per cent disability but can care for themselves in a family setting.

MODESTY

Mrs. Behrman was very modest about her part in organizing these tour groups, saying that the members of her committee, and the families who so willingly invite their guests, deserve most of the credit. "The families keep asking when they will have their next visitor, but we try to divide the groups up among different Jewish communities so that the same families aren't continually asked to take part."

Except for whatever spending money each individual participant brings with him, all expenses of these trips are paid for by the host communities: Money is raised through private donations; often theatre tickets, dinners and other entertainment are given free by the proprietors or other interested persons.

The London-area programme is only one of several such activities undertaken by Jewish communities in Europe. "Switzerland was the pioneer in tours for ambulatory disabled veterans," Mr. Lauttenberg explained. "But England has broken all the records."

He hopes a similar programme will be started soon in the United States.

The veterans who participate are selected by the Association of War of Independence and Zahal Disabled Veterans. About half are from Tel Aviv and the centre of the country, since 50 per cent of Israel's disabled veterans live in this area.

An alternative to the atom bombs in the Middle East could be brought about by the Israelis and the Palestinians, if they were free from outside influence. The Israelis and the Palestinians (conscious of each other's desire to merit respect) could create a nation consisting of the State of Israel, the State of the Gaza Strip, the State of the West Bank of the Jordan and, as the capital of the federal government, the District of Jerusalem.

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Caleb's Column

by N. David G

KUPAT HOLIM intends from now on to levy a charge for the medicines and pills its doctors prescribe. This is on the road to turning a mutual aid society into something like a vehicle insurance company, with complainants having to bear a chunk of the benefit payment, and those who take no pills for a year will be demanding a no-claims bonus.

While the Marxist principle of "to each according to his needs" has been adopted with regard to incomes only in the kibbutz, it has been accepted as the rule with regard to welfare in all regimes with any social conscience. There can be no social justification for a member of Kupat Holim whose propensity to illnesses requiring medication is greater than another's having to pay more. Why should not all those who visit a clinic have to pay rent for the long hours they are compelled to occupy the benches in the corridors?

If Kupat Holim finds its expenditure on pills excessive, then it must persuade — and make it possible for — its doctors to diagnose throughly each patient's complaint and give thoughtful consideration to various methods of cure. Prescribing aspirins or antibiotics is the easy way out for overburdened or lazy or less skilled physicians. It is adding insult to injury to penalize the patients.

Fundamentally, the long-term cure for many of the nation's sick is in exercise and healthy eating and dressing habits from infancy. A lot might be saved by better training of nurses at infant welfare stations. And if Kupat Holim is really interested in economies, while improving its service, it could arrange for the qualified nurses it provides as little more than doormen for its doctors to relieve the latter of some of the quasi-medical work they do, such as syringing ears and bandaging cuts. Better still would be to provide the doctors with clerks and send the nurses to hospitals where they are so much needed.

POSTSCRIPT to a protest: The computer imbroglio that has been responsible for underpaying and belatedly paying many teachers, who last week held a protest strike, with the sympathy of this column, has also had the effect of overpaying some teachers. There are those, for example, whose children have reached adulthood and are no longer entitled to the allowances which the badly-fed computer continues to coug One wonders how many recipients have been retur these surplus moneys.

LIKE A FRUSTRATED prea berating his sparse congreg for the failure of the rest o flock to attend his services, Broadcasting Authority is sea to increase the televisio fee to make up for the 20 per cent who evade ment. The faithful wors cannot be blamed for backsliding of the others; should those who pay, *volens*, be penalized fo defaulters' offence.

The Authority seems choosing the easy way out. should not be all that diff trace the roughly 110,000 who use unlicensed te sets. Just following the lea the ubiquitous aerials bring in a large numbe tronic monitors would fin and suppliers and insure provide names of their The money spent on the ne inspectors would be amply by the collected fees an and part of Israel Broadc deficit could be met angering those who dutifully pay their fees.

Biblical Byways by I.I. Rabin

The calumny of ass worship by Jews

IN THIS WEEK'S portion it is laid down that all firstborn males, whether of animals or of humans, belong to God, and the latter had therefore to be redeemed ("Pidyon Ha-Ben"). An apparently puzzling special law is, however, laid down for the firstborn of an ass. "But the firstling of the ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb, and if thou dost not redeem it, thou shalt break its neck" (Ex. 34,20).

The solution of this apparent puzzle is simple. The ass was the only domesticated animal of the ancient Hebrews which was unfit to be offered up as a sacrifice (as pointed out in a previous article, the horse was solely an animal of war). It therefore had to be exchanged ("redeemed") with an animal which could be offered in its place; if it were not so redeemed, since it was unfit for sacrifice and forbidden for profane use, it had to be dispatched.

This special law is, I am convinced, the true origin of one of the most fantastic and long-lived allegations made against the Jews by both Greek and Roman writers during the period of the Second Temple — that in the Temple the Jews worshipped the head of an ass.

The allegation can be traced over at least four centuries. The earliest mention of it is by a certain Menaseas of Patras (third century B.C.E., quoted by Josephus in his *Contra Apionem*, 2,112). Apion himself, the arch anti-Semite of the first century, actually claims that Antiochus Epiphanes saw it when he defiled the Temple. Another Greek writer of the first century B.C.E., Damocritus, adds that the Jews offered up a human sacrifice to it once every seven years; Suidas, who quotes him to this effect, "corrects" the period to three years.

The calumny was even taken over by the early Christians. The Church Father Tertullian (155-232 C.E.) states that as a resu relationship betweeen Ju and Christianity, many peo led to believe that "an ass is our God."

Scholars have gone to lengths to find some reason not rational, basis for thi ing libel. Some suggest th due to a widespread identi of Judaism with the cu Dionysius-Bacchus, to whom ass was sacred; others asso it with some Egyptian or Gr cult. No one, as far as I am a has put forward the sim suggestion made here that it based on this verse. The first of the ass, as of all ani belonged to God, but unlike if not redeemed and therefo "belonging to God," it had destroyed. From that to malicious story that the re was that the detached head sacred and an object of w was a short and easy step convinced anti-Semite.

CINEMA

Reichian doctrines of sexual freedom

WR: Mysteries of the Organism (Tchelet, Tel Aviv) is the first Dusan Makavejev film to be shown in Israel. Makavejev is a Yugoslav (actually a Serb, born in Belgrade in 1932) whose originality and revolutionary opinions and film-making methods have caused him to be much discussed and won him as many detractors as admirers.

WR is psychiatrist Wilhelm Reich who propounded the theory that "social and political oppression stem from unfulfilled sexuality." He was suspected of being a Communist, his books were forbidden in the U.S.A. during the McCarthy witch-hunt time, and he died in a Pennsylvania prison. Makavejev has said that his interest in Reich was aroused when, as a student, he read his book "Dialectical Materialism and Psychoanalysis" which links up Marx and Freud — "two great men who preached the same thing, the liberation of man."

The film is partly a documentary on Reich's life, work and persecution and partly a fictional story about Milena (Milena Dravic), a "liberated" young Yugoslav woman who tries to spread the Reichian doctrines of sexual freedom, concentrating most of her efforts on a Russian skating star (Vladimir Ilych).

The documentary part of the picture was filmed in the U.S.A., with Makavejev interviewing Reich's children and colleagues and showing scenes of Reichian practitioners and their patients. There are also interviews with transvestite Jackie Curtis, who talks about the difficulties produced by constantly changing sex and various other figures of the "revolting" young.

It is a very complex and bewildering picture, jumping from fact to fiction in unpredictable manner. Sequences from a film idealizing Stalin are intercut with scen Reichian therapy and then will be a scene of mentally people filmed by the Nazis to dicate Hitler's advocacy of Ge nasia while suddenly one wil a young man in battle-dress, c sing his poised rifle, str through the New York streets, constantly a copulating couple their appearance. But in spi all the love-making scenes, I not say that the film is porn phic.

There is a somewhat ironic throughout the film even in of the reminiscences about himself. Makavejev attacks bo pitalism and Communism and pose what he is inveighing a is dogma of any kind. He see be calling his audience to the ricades all the time. But in event it is a film that not provokes and irritates but one think.

SPORTS ABROAD BERNIE BERN

Everton back at the top

EVERTON MOVED BACK to the top of the English League championship table on Wednesday night by beating Luton Town 3-1 in a rearranged match.

Stoke City and Burnley, who were not playing, take second and third places but Ipswich leapfrogged into fourth position by beating fellow-contenders Derby County 3-0.

Everton's expensive recruits, Colin Dobson and Bob Latchford, were among their scorers. A former Everton striker, David Johnson, scored the first Ipswich goal. Like Kevin Beattle, who hit the third, he is an under-23 international whom manager Don Revie is believed to be considering for the senior England squad to play world cup-holders West Germany in two weeks.

The Champions, Leeds, who began the season disastrously, moved into sixth place, three points behind Everton, by beating the bottom club, Carlisle, 3-1. Carlisle had the consolation of scoring the first goal Leeds have conceded since January 11.

In another game Middlesbrough and Queen's Park Rangers battled to a scoreless tie.

Meanwhile, in an English Football Association Cup match, Arsenal ended 5½ hours of deadlock with Leicester City when a late goal gave them a 1-0 extra-time victory in their fifth-round second replay on Tuesday night.

A fourth clash between the clubs looked likely until John Radford hammered home a rising shot with only six minutes of extra-time remaining, to give Arsenal a quarter-final berth at home to fellow Londoners West Ham United.

TRACK & FIELD

HOLDER OF THE WORLD record for the 440-yard dash, John Smith ran the Anchor Leg in 47.2 seconds to carry a quartet of Quarter-Milers to a world indoor professional record in the mile relay last Friday night at the third International Track Association meet of the season in Salt Lake City.

The foursome of Warren Edmonson, Lee Evans, Larry James and Smith carried the baton to a 3:09.9 clocking. That also bettered the amateur mark of 3:11.9 set earlier this year by Seton Hall.

Brian Oldfield also had a good night, hurling the shot 71-9, two inches past Al Feuerbach's world record. Oldfield said his next aim is 75 feet. The world best outdoors is 72.2¾ by George Woods.

TENNIS

TOP-SEEDED JIMMY CONNORS stayed on good behaviour on Sunday and capitalized on mistakes by Jurgen Fassbender of Germany to win 6-4, 6-2, in a $30,000 men's tennis tournament in Boca Raton, Florida.

Connors, with Chris Evert watching, earned the $5,000 top prize, while Fassbender took home $3,000 for second place.

Fassbender made crucial mistakes, hitting olng shots and a backhander into the net on important points. But he served well, collecting six aces.

Australian John Alexander beat Dick Stockton 7-6, 4-6, 6-3 on Sunday for his first victory in a world championship tennis. The triumph gave Alexander the singles' title in the Fort Worth WCT tourney.

The victory was worth $12,000 to Alexander.

GOLF

STEADY PAT FITZSIMONS studiously ignored the growing pressure, carefully constructed a last-round 70 and scored his first professional victory by a comfortable four strokes on Sunday in the Glen Campbell-Los Angeles Open golf tournament.

The 24-year-old Fitzsimons, who took a six-stroke lead by firing a course-record 64 in Saturday's third round, was one under par in his last 18 holes over the demanding 7,028-yard Riviera Country Club course and finished with a 275 total.

Jack Nicklaus and Tom Kite made the biggest runs at the surprise winner but they were just too far back to catch up. Kite took second with a last-round 68 and a 275 total.

Nicklaus had the best round in the mild, sunny day, a six under-par 65, and finished at 280, five strokes back.

His publicized duel with Johnny Miller—the young man who is challenging Jack as the game's leading player — never materialized. Miller, a three-time winner this year, knocked himself out of any title conten- tion with a triple-bogey seven second hole and finished with and a 287 total.

CRICKET

NEW ZEALAND fast bowler Chatfield suffered a concuss Tuesday when he was struck rising fast ball on the final a cricket test between New and the MCC touring team.

The ball, thrown by Peter also knocked the wind out felled batsman, who was after about four minutes of to-mouth resuscitation fro MCC's masseur. Chatfield covering at Auckland hospit

Chatfield was one of the maining batsmen when play ed. He and Geoffrey Howa added 22 runs to New Ze score but faced a hopeless catching the visitors, who won innings and 84 runs.

England first innings: 6 declared. New Zealand first 326; second innings 183.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Counter-reaction

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A counter-reaction apparently began to set in at the Stock Exchange yesterday, following the market's reaction to the news of the Government's budget and the taxes.

Bonds, still in demand in preference to stocks, showed a decline with even long term ones going down slightly. The volume traded was IL15,257,100. Stocks opened with a slight rise, and the rise continued in the variables. Total volume was IL440,200, of which IL1,061,900 was in the variables.

Dubek regained 12 points, to close at 342, with volume at 15,000. This is explained as a recovery after an unjustified decline of the previous two days — unjustified because of the stock's dividend and bonus record. Bank Leumi stock rose two points to 244, on a volume of 210,000. Delek was up six at 150, with volume at 30,000. Hachsharat Hayishuv rose 5.5 to 106.5, with volume at 27,000. Paper Mills regained four points, closing at 260, with volume at 30,000. Discount Investment rose six points to 160.5, with volume at 90,000.

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n Bank	r	429	425
ount Bank "A"	r	156	156
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Mortgage Bank	b	370.5	371
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& Dev. Bank 8%	r	66.5	69.5
ah	r	359.5	352
neh Insurance	b	231	230
ar—"C"	b	248	240
COMMERCIAL SERVICES & UTILITIES			
ar-House	b	78	75.5
C.	r	144.5	140
Storage—IL10	r	140	135.5
Electric Corp.	r	138	137
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an	r	118	115
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Mehadrin	r	169	169
I.C.P. Isr. Citrus	r	90.5	90.5
Anglo-Isr. Investor	b	209	206.5
Neot Aviv	r	83	88
Pri Or Ltd.	r	142.5	142.5
Rassco—8%	r	81.5	81.5
Rassco—O.	r	53.5	53.5
INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance—B	r	410	402
Elco—2.5	b	85.5	84
Electra—5	r	133	128.5
"Argaman"—8%	b	190	190
"Ata"—C	r	77.5	75
Dubek	b	342	330
Elect. Wire & Cable	b	133	131
Teva		980	980
Chem. & Phosphates	r	129.5	127
Lewin Epstein	b	70	70
Moller Textile	r	208	208
Phoenicia—8%	b	79.5	79.5
Paper Mills	r	260	256
Assis "B"	r	161	160
Nechushtan	b	501	500
Elite (A)	r	137	137
Shemen—8%	b	106.5	110
"Taal" Plywood	b	108	105
INVESTMENT & HOLDING COMPANIES			
Elgar	b	80.5	80.5
Ellern	b	149.5	148
Israel Central Trade	r	156	155
Bank Hapoalim	b	244	244
Pax	b	93.5	91
Wolfson IL10	b	77	70.5
Ampa	r	104.5	104.5
Discount Bank	b	160.5	154.5
United Mizrahi	b	148.5	147
Bank Leumi	r	198.5	189
Piryon Investment	r	100.5	98
Hassuta-For. Trade	r	78	78
Export Bank	b	68	66
Clal Investment	r	200	200
Clal Industries	r	112.5	112.5
FUEL & OIL			
Naphta OTC	r	160	155
Lapidoth OTC	r	250.5	240.5

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WALL STREET Closing Thur., February 27, 1975

Stocks move higher

NEW YORK (AP). — Hopes for cheaper and more plentiful money carried the stock market higher again yesterday, but the pace of buying tapered off.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials was up more than four points half an hour before the close. Gainers maintained a 2 to 1 lead over losers on the New York Stock Exchange.

Brokers noted some buying amid anticipation on Wall Street of possible further cuts soon in such key interest rates as the Federal Reserve's discount rate and the prime, or basic, rate banks charge on loans to large corporations.

One factor that appeared to inhibit the gains was the government's report yesterday morning that its index of leading economic indicators declined in January for the sixth month in a row.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials closed 3.05 higher at 731.15. Gainers outnumbered losers 841 to 518 among the 1,772 issues trade on the New York Exchange.

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Tax reform — everyone has something to say

Having attended to the budget, the Government will now introduce measures to simplify the tax system. POST Economic Correspondent David Krivine sums up the opinions of various groups.

THIS YEAR should see revolutionary changes in Israel's tax system. In the next week or two, the Ben-Shachar Committee is to hand over its long-awaited recommendations for income tax reform to Finance Minister Rabinowitz. At about the same time, the Minister will table his Value Added Tax Bill in the Knesset.

The popular belief is that income tax will be reduced, and indirect taxes (via the VAT) increased. Neither of these facts is true. Both levies are supposed to yield the same revenue after the reform as before. That is why Mr. Rabinowitz insisted on enacting the new 7.5 per cent sales tax and the 7.5 per cent payroll tax ahead of time. The budget must have the revenue it needs before changes are made.

The changes are intended to improve and rationalise the system. They are not intended (at least as things stands) to produce more fiscal revenue in 1975/76 than the IL32 billion that is required to balance the accounts.

The principle that inspired the reformers represents the latest thinking: charge little, but charge it on everything — on services as well as goods, on expense accounts as well as incomes.

How it will all be applied in practice has yet to be made known. Meanwhile there has been a spate of reports and memoranda, particularly on one of the two subjects: income tax reform. Some were prepared for submission to the Ben-Shachar committee. What ideas are being ventilated about direct taxation?

First in the lists was a paper by Professor Yair Aharoni and two colleagues of Tel Aviv University, Amir Barnea and Yizhar Cohen. They suggest that income tax should not exceed 40 per cent.

Two deductions would be allowed: a flat 20 per cent for social contingencies, and a flat 10 per cent for business or work expenses (travel, telephone, meals out of town, etc.). The employer may fork out additional benefits and allowances, but then he must himself pay a 35 per cent tax on their gross value.

The Aharon tax system is based on a calculation of net entitlements. For a married man who has a large family of six children and earns only IL1,040 a month, the entitlement could come (the report suggests) to IL1,570 a month. So the State owes this citizen a sum to cover this shortfall, and must pay him "negative income tax" to the tune of IL530.

If his wage is IL2,000, his entitlement would be IL2,290, so he would get a tax credit of IL290. If he earns IL6,000 a month, on the other hand, his entitlement (taking his large family into consideration) is IL5,050, so he pays tax to the State — though only IL950, or 15 per cent.

The Histadrut and the Manufacturers Association see things very much from their own particular vantage points. The former criticize the self-employed for tax evasion (though the Association of Certified Public Accountants observes that this exists among wage-earners too). The Histadrut would like to see reduced tax rates for the lower- and middle-income echelons, yet is content with the status quo for large incomes. Capital gains should be taxed more, and so should linkage gains (deriving from loans linked to the price index) — but not in the case of loans made by the pension and other insurance funds; though these account for 80 per cent or more of all the linked securities.

Tables show how much better the self-employed are doing than the labouring man. Their average tax contribution increased by 12.4 per cent a year between 1967 and 1973, whereas the wage earner's contribution went up by 17.9 per cent. The self-employed were 18 per cent of all taxpayers in 1969 and paid 29 per cent of the tax. In 1973 they were down to 17 per cent of all taxpayers (one per cent less) and paid 22 per cent of the tax (seven per cent less).

The Manufacturers Association complain, on the contrary, that the self-employed are discriminated against, being allowed smaller tax exemptions for social security contributions. Business people should not be required to pay company tax and then a full income tax on top of that — the former should be deducted from the latter. Dividend payments themselves should not be liable in every case to income tax. If they derive from capital gain, they should be charged the capital gains tax, and if from linkage, they should pay no tax at all.

The essential point is that, like Aharoni, the employers believe that the marginal rate (that is, the highest marginal increment of tax) should be 40 per cent. A man who pays IL265 on an income of IL2,000 should be paying IL175. Instead of IL750 on an income of IL3,000, the tax should be IL412.

On the other hand incomes exceeding IL10,000 a month should be subject to a surtax, the manufacturers say. For the first IL10,000 (up to IL20,000 a month) the surtax ought to be 5 per cent, making a total tax of 45 per cent. On incomes at the top end of the scale, exceeding IL80,000 a month (that is, IL1,000,000 a year) surtax would be 25 per cent, making a total tax liability for the millionaire of 65 per cent.

The Association recommends that equipment and machinery be amortized in one year, owing to their swift technological obsolescence. The value when calculating depreciation should be linked to an index of new-equipment prices. The capital gains tax, which is reduced in accordance with the length of time the asset was owned before being sold, should be reduced more rapidly still — to allow for the depreciating value of money.

THE BENTOV COMMITTEE, concerned with narrowing the social gap, devotes three chapters in its report to taxation. Headed by former Cabinet Minister Mordechai Bentov, of Mapam, it believes that the fiscal system should be more egalitarian. First, all revenue received by private citizens should be subject to income tax, whether it originates from wages, profits, securities, capital gains, linkage provisions or anything else.

The committee is preoccupied with the fact that inflation wreaks havoc with the tax system. It hits the weak (by pushing them into higher tax brackets, though their real income has not increased), and benefits the strong (that is, the self-employed who delay paying tax, so pay it eventually with depreciated money).

The tax scale should consequently itself be linked (in a way) to the index. And delays in paying up should be exposed to interest charges at the full bank rate.

Company tax should be 30-60 per cent, depending on the ratio of profits to capital. Big profits should pay surtax — which would bring company tax up to the level of income tax. Land Betterment Tax should be charged at intervals, even if the land is not sold. A wealth tax ranging from 0.5 to 2 per cent should be clamped on all capital assets exceeding IL1,000,000.

Exceptions to these rules are made in favour of the small man. Small saving accounts may be subjected to a lower tax as an incentive; productivity too. Property tax should not be imposed on a person's home.

With an income of less than IL1,200, a married man with two children should pay no tax. Any money that old-age pensioners go out and earn should be tax-exempt up to the same IL1,200 maximum (regardless of their pension).

Estate duty of 5-10 per cent should be enacted on bequests exceeding IL500,000. Every half-million pounds above that is liable (under this plan) to an extra 10 per cent. (That means anything above IL5.5m. would be confiscated.) A gifts tax should be applied in the same way, except that the starting-point is anything above IL50,000.

NO ONE KNOWS as much about income tax as the chartered accountants. They too have something to say, but not about policy questions of how high the tax should be, or what levies should be introduced. In their collective capacity they are concerned with ensuring the system — however designed — works sensibly and equitably.

Speaking to *The Jerusalem Post* recently, their President, Nahum Freidkes, listed the salient points that they have taken up with the Treasury. They are against the system of "standard assessments." The Internal Revenue Department works out how much, let us say, a taxi-owner should be earning, taking into account the size of his vehicle and what kind of run he does (inter-urban sherut, private on-call, day tours). He can accept that standard assessment and pay accordingly, without having to report on his actual earnings.

This is an evasion of the issue, the accountants believe. Obviously people in the occupations concerned make more than the standard figure, otherwise they would opt to report on their true earnings. The small entrepreneur, Freidkes points out, is not illiterate. He can keep books, and every self-employed person ought to do just that. It will become necessary anyway with the introduction of the VAT. (It will also — dare we say it? — provide more work for the auditors.)

People who do not keep books can undercut their competitors. They can pay bigger wages than they declare, thus saving tax and national insurance. "It's not true that wage-earners always pay a true tax," according to Freidkes.

The next point is, why two separate taxes and two separate administrations — one for the Capital Gains Tax and the other for the Land Betterment Tax? They both deal with the same kind of transaction, and should be fused into a single tax.

There are in Israel three types of business: one owned by a private person or a partnership; one owned by several shareholders, but not registered on the stock exchange; and the public company registered on the stock exchange. The partnership does not pay company tax, whereas the public company pays company tax, but enjoys a flat-rate income tax of 25 per cent. Only the middle group, the so-called "closed company" pays both company tax and full income tax. It should be exempt from company tax, the auditors maintain.

The Histadrut is angry about the profits derived from delays in settling tax dues. The auditors are disturbed by the opposite, that when a person pays too much tax, the Treasury takes years to refund the surplus (though, to its credit, it does not pay 15 per cent interest to the "lender"). Says Freidkes: if a man disburses IL50,000 in tax advances when his true obligation turns out to be only IL40,000, the Treasury should either finalize its assessment at once, or refund the excess IL10,000 until a final assessment is made.

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"Calmo" (In memoriam Bruno Maderna), written last year after the death of his fellow composer, is an intimate farewell to a friend — not a heart-rending "Yizkor" but a world-wise acquiescence to the inevitable as indicated by the quotation from Homer: "As the musician uses his instrument and calmly tunes its strings." Cathy Berberian's voice beautifully blended with the chamber orchestra masterfully, adding vocal sonorities to the instruments' tones, producing a moving performance.

We heard the Folk Songs set by Luciano Berio for Cathy Berberian last year, when seven instrumentalists provided the background and dialogue with the singer. This time a new version was presented, employing a full orchestra. Although the bigger apparatus was used very sparingly, maintaining to a great extent the chamber ensemble character of the setting, the occasional sound masses elicited from the orchestra tended to cover Miss Berberian's voice. The singer always keeps her voice at a personal, intimate level so she can give full vent to characterization of the songs. Her peerless rendition was marked again by her all-pervasive personality, which with a minimum of effort, produced immediately the wanted character or atmosphere. Three encores were added to satisfy the audience.

In the first part of the evening Berio conducted three overtures by Rossini, instead of the Ghedini work (the music for which did not arrive in time). "The Thieving Magpie," "The Italian in Algiers," and "Wilhelm Tell" are favourites for Pops concerts, but they still have to be rendered in a swinging, electrifying way to hit you with the right impact. The presentation was uniformly uninspired, heavy-footed and even, unexpectedly, a bit militaristic as the trumpets throughout tended to dominate the rest of the orchestra (particularly in the "Wilhelm Tell.") There was no exuberance of spirit or the exciting pounding rhythm, no building up of climaxes, and no attempt to get the musicians to play better than they normally would — as they should in a Rossini Overture!

Michael Maisky performed a Cello Concerto by Boccherini (not the popular one in B-flat as the programme booklet said), completely unknown to this reviewer. It is in D Major and is known in Russia in a version by an Armenian composer named Asiamasian. (The cadenzas were by Russian cellist Natalie Guttman). There is more Boccherini in this than in the other concerto, which Gruetzmacher tailored in the style of 19th-century romanticism. It gave Michael Maisky plenty to do and to show again his technical mastery, and his beautifully singing tone in well-formed phrases. He is an all-round musician who has a dedicated approach and identifies with whatever music he undertakes to perform. *YOHANAN BOEHM*

Various kinds of music

ZE'EV STEINBERG wrote his second String Quartet in 1961 (Haifa Chamber Music Society, Beth Harofe, February 22.) Steinberg has an outstanding ability in writing for strings, in exploiting their characteristics in his composition. The Quartet is written in two interwoven sections: the first, "Allegro appassionato," is demonic and exciting; in contrast the second movement is more lyrical. The piece is done in twelve-tone technique, with an abundance of dissonances, but it pleased the audience, familiar with contemporary music, who received the work well and applauded the composer.

In Mozart's Quartet for Flute, Violin, Viola and Cello in C major and G major, First violinist and leader Ilan Gronich was replaced in the leading role by flutist Uri Shoham, giving Shoham a chance to reveal his talents and proficiency.

In Beethoven's Quartet in F Major Op. 135, Ilan Gronich was leader again. As the Israel Quartet's new member he still has to adjust to the others. His tone is sharp and thin, not suitably balancing the volume of the lower strings, where Marcus, Steinberg and Mense came out best. Mense should be specially praised for his contribution in Mozart's fourth movement, where one variation came into full bloom, proving Mense's virtuosity. *G.W.-B.*

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The Treasury against itself

A GOVERNMENT budget is more than a Treasury balance sheet, more too than the end result of compromise between government departments competing for funds. It reflects decisions which directly affect the lives of all the nation's citizens and the activities of all our economic institutions. When, in addition, it involves entirely new taxes, it is reasonable to suppose that thought would be given to the manner of its presentation in order to assure maximum public consent.

It is precisely the absence of such sensitivity to the budget's reception which has helped fuel the criticism that is now being heaped upon the government and the Treasury.

The Histadrut, which must certainly be considered a labour organization with a profound sense of national responsibility, is deeply offended by the way in which new taxes were sprung upon it, without consultation and, as it claims, in violation of a prior Treasury commitment. The Manufacturers Association, whose members must bear the full burden of the proposed payroll tax, is angered for the same reason, and perhaps with even more cause. For in contrast to the new excise taxes, which by their nature demand secrecy before imposition in order to prevent speculative buying, the payroll tax could have been fully and openly discussed with the employers organization beforehand.

And the citizenry at large, already more heavily taxed than any other nation, could certainly have been prepared for this new blow with more ingenious devices than the spectacle of the political parties jostling to raid the Treasury to pay their debts or the insistent reports of vast funds, the fruit of income tax evasions, that float around the economy.

If the government, therefore, is now being accused of taking the easy way out, that is, squeezing the wage earner instead of tightening its own belt and hunting down the so-called "black money," it has only itself to blame for not devising, together with the budget itself, a strategy of public persuasion and explanation.

Moreover, with our political parties suffering from a lack of cohesion and discipline, there is the added danger that even the coalition parties will feel compelled, in the face of public criticism, to waffle rather than firmly defend their own government budget.

This is all the more unfortunate since the public is only too well aware that the present government cannot be blamed for the nation's economic troubles. If anything, Mr. Rabinowitz enjoys some credit for trying to bring about a more rational management of the economy and major tax reforms.

Why then must the government be so intent upon squandering the public's good will? For this no one appears to have an answer. But it is not a course which the government can afford to follow with the stubborn consistency it has so far shown.

Leadership in a democracy like ours requires more than the courage to make difficult decisions in closed meeting rooms. It also requires the courage to solicit public consent by going to the people with the truth about their national condition.

Dry Bones

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DAVAR (Histadrut), commenting on the Arab boycott, says "Arab money is attempting to assault the economies of key countries in Europe and the U.S. by exploiting the petrodollar's infiltration for economic and political warfare on Israel and the Jewish People as a whole. Undoubtedly, the expansion of Arab investments in America and the activities of U.S. companies in Arab countries are detrimental to Israel."

The paper welcomes the rallying of Jewish organizations such as Bnai Brith's ADL and of several prominent senators against such discrimination. "It is to be hoped that the promises of Dr. Kissinger and White House circles that legislative action would be taken to prevent such religious and racial discrimination will be carried out."

AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam) welcomes President Ford's condemnation of the activities of the Arab boycott organization and its "Black List." "He has rightly said that such acts undermine the principles of America's democratic system. The U.S. press realizes that if such moves are condoned today, similar discrimination may be instigated against other religious or national minorities tomorrow."

HA'ARETZ (independent), discussing Kissinger's remarks at Tuesday's press conference, says it is clear that the Egyptians are prepared to give some "returns" for Israeli withdrawal in Sinai. "Diplomatic efforts are being concentrated at this stage on seeking a formula acceptable to Israel as a substitute for the conditions demanded by Prime Minister Rabin for evacuation of the Sinai passes and oilfields.

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VIEWPOINT

A liberal approach to religious education

By Rabbi Reuven Hammer

EDUCATION in Israel is beset by problems so manifold as almost to defy intelligent action. They include overcrowded classrooms, antiquated materials and techniques and the stultifying influence of the school-leaving examination which turns education into a memory contest and induces the pupils to cheat in many different ways.

The problem of religion in the schools is even more vexing and potentially destructive in the long run. The child who attends a religious school receives a deep indoctrination in traditional Orthodox Judaism. This has many virtues, but it also has shortcomings and failures. But what about the children who do not attend these schools?

Religious schools here are exclusivistic. They will not admit children from homes which are not basically observant. They will not tolerate youngsters who do not follow a traditional pattern of life. By attempting to control the outside lives and extracurricular activities of their pupils, they effectively shut the doors of religious education to the non-observant youngster.

In the event, most non-observant parents would not enrol their children in religious schools for a variety of reasons: some because they cannot accept the doctrines taught there; others because they fear religious interference in their life styles. In that case, what religious training do their children receive? In a real sense, none.

The Bible is taught in the secular schools, but not as religious literature. The classes in Oral Law and Jewish traditions are almost akin to teaching about the customs of the Hottentots. Few and far between are there serious attempts to view the Jewish heritage as a source of faith and values enabling the young person to grapple with current moral problems and of shaping the lives of the Israeli populations. Israeli pupils speak Hebrew, and may know sections of the Bible and something about the festivals, but their religious education is almost non-existent.

The problem concerns curriculum, material and teachers.

As long as the basic approach is that of teaching "about" and as long as those who teach "about" are themselves far removed from an understanding of a life style shaped by tradition, Jewish studies cannot succeed.

The primary question requiring an answer is simple: Do Israeli parents want their children to receive a religious education and, if so, what kind of a religious education? I believe that with the exception of a few diehards, most would like such an education for their children. What they oppose is an obscurantist point of view, a lack of relevance in religious thought, a political slant to religious training and religious coercion. They want an education which would present religion in the light of modern understanding, would permit and even encourage differences of opinion, approach and practice and, above all, which would inspire and encourage but not force adherance.

The idea that Israel will one day have a single unified school system is still a dream. There seems little chance that either "sector" would be willing to abdicate its rights or that, were the orthodox groups given an opportunity to teach certain classes within the secular school system, this would answer the needs for a different type of religious approach. The party-line approach to Judaism is too inflexible and doctrinaire to be satisfactory.

The need can be answered in two ways: by the establishment of schools which accept a more flexible and liberal approach yet emphasize religious training, and by the introduction of a voluntary "stream" of Jewish courses based upon a more liberal outlook within the secular system. Granted that this will not solve the problem of the religion gap and of the absence of personal contact between the orthodox and non-orthodox sections, it would at least begin to solve the problem of the abysmal ignorance of Judaism which today exists in our society and could open up the possibility of presenting the wide spectrum of Jewish religious thought to the population at large.

This will require the preparation of special curriculum material and most importantly, the training of teachers suited to this approach. It will also require courage to combat extremists on both sides. But if Israeli parents are concerned with the spiritual future of their offspring, they will insist that such a programme be started now. We have waited long enough.

PORTION OF THE WEEK

Moses rejects God's offer

Sidra: Ki tissa (Exodus 30:11-34)

"NOW THAT THE JEWS have sinned so grievously, I have no more need of you as an emissary to them, so you may as well leave," God tells Moses on Mt. Sinai after revealing to him that the Jews below had built a golden calf which they were worshipping as "the gods that brought (them) out of Egypt" (Exodus 32:8).

Moses felt utterly helpless to argue with God.

God continued: "Just let Me, and I will destroy them" (Exodus 32:10; Deuteronomy 9:14).

Moses reflected: If God is saying to me, "let Me," then it seems that it all depends on me.

Immediately Moses took hold of himself and started pleading with God.

God had said to Moses: "Just let Me, and I will destroy them and make a great nation spring from you."

Moses argued: "Why do that, and give the Egyptians cause to say: 'So God meant evil when He took them out, to kill them in the mountains and wipe them off the face of the earth!'? (Exodus 32:12). If You put them all to death at one blow, the nations... will say: 'God was unable to bring this people into the land He promised them by oath, so He destroyed them in the wilderness.' And they will say of me: 'He exploited the Jews' plight in order to aggrandize himself instead of interceding for them'."

"So God relented, and He spared His people" (Exodus 32:14).

RABBI ABBAHU SAID: If this conversation between God and Moses were not recorded in the Tora, no human mouth could utter it.

RABBI ELAZAR SAID: The story of Moses teaches us that prayer is greater than deeds alone, for even Moses—than whom there has been none greater in deeds—had to pray in order to persuade God. And fasting—in which one deprives one's own body—is greater than charity—in which one deprives oneself only of possessions. And prayer is greater than the Temple sacrifices. (Talmud Tractate Berachot 31a and 31b).

M.K.

READERS' LETTERS

Environmental health problems

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Several points in the report, *"Beersheba Flakes Not Harmful,"* require clarification and correction.

1. As reported, the substance used for spraying the ceiling of the library was *not* asbestos, but, fortunately, a substitute with no known medical effects. The substitute was not aluminum nitrate, as published, but aluminum silicate. In any case, there are no known health risks to the lungs of the library personnel or to the general public from the aluminum silicate dust drifting down the Ben-Gurion University library ceilings. We are also happy to hear that the spray contractor, *Asbestos-Spray* Ltd., is planning to change its name.

2. The fact that brief and low exposures to air-borne asbestos dust can occasionally be carcinogenic dictated the original *provisional* recommendation to close the library and prevent possible additional exposure of large numbers of people. It was not until the company was located several days later and laboratory examinations carried out that we were satisfied that the spray was a safe substitute, and that we could withdraw our initial recommendation.

3. I did not say that "short-term exposure to asbestos, *even by breathing the air nearby,* can have serious long-term effects." From this, one would infer that asbestos-containing products somehow produce mysterious air-borne poisons. The well-known late medical effects — asbestosis, cancer of the lung, and mesothelioma (a malignant tumor of the chest or abdominal wall) come from inhalation of the asbestos dust fibres. This has been the basis for a recent nation-wide ban in the U.S. of all asbestos-containing building products from which the asbestos can be made to flake off by hand pressure.

4. We are requesting that the Ministry of Labour's Division of Labour Inspection ban or regulate asbestos spraying in Israel, compile a registry of sites already sprayed with asbestos, and require the appropriate safeguards at these sites, so that unnecessary contamination from maintenance, renovation and deterioration can be prevented. Today, no one questions that asbestos spraying produces unnecessary occupational risks for sprayers and leaves behind a permanent environmental housekeeping headache. The fact that it is only one of the many preventable environmental health problems in this country does not preclude firm action both to ensure its elimination and to prevent additional exposures in already sprayed buildings.

ELIHU D. RICHTER, MD
Consultant, Medical Division,
Environmental Protection Service
Jerusalem, February 19.

GLIB TONGUES AND DEVIOUS THOUGHTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Rabbi Israel Mowshowitz is extremely naive and obviously lives in some sort of 'fool's paradise' if he truly believes all the nonsense printed in your interview with him (February 18).

The Arab spokesmen with whom the Rabbi came in contact have tongues as glib as their thoughts are devious. They say that they are willing to accept the existence of Israel and in one and the same breath deny her the moral right to exist. The well-meaning spiritual leader apparently is the dupe of these "peace lovers."

Rabbi Mowshowitz is doing his own people a grave injustice by taking Arab protestations at face Furthermore, I am appalled at his comfortably situated congregation. Furthermore, I am appalled a his having the audacity to receive official representatives of an organization whose sworn purpose is the annihilation of the Jewish State.

MRS. Y. HERUTI
Tel Aviv, February 20.

KASHER LEPURIM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In your Magazine of February 21, you published a double spread advertisement which shows a "Festive table for Purim" advising "a woman who values Jewish tradition" how to lay out the products in the picture "to make your Purim meal a festive one." Now this is a case where Chief Rabbi Goren and Chief Rabbi Yosef could express for once — the same *halachic* opinion. Never would they agree to a Purim festive table presenting on one table Vita chicken soup and a plate of Tnuva cheese. Strictly *"Kasher le'Purim!"*

RIKI POLITI
Petach Tikvah, February 23.

Rafael versus Shazli

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As a regular reader of your paper, I wish to express my disgust at the Shazli-Rafael encounter on British TV.

Israel's Ambassador, Mr. Rafael, acknowledged the uniqueness of the occasion. It certainly was unique and utterly degrading! From the arrogant manner of Shazli, it was pretty apparent that Egypt has no intention of compromising.

The representative of the State of Israel meets the man who advocated the killing of the Yom Kippur prisoners of war. The Ambassador of Israel meets the man described by the previous Government of Israel and the Jewish people as a Nazi and war criminal! I dare say Mr. Rafael did not meet Shazli without consulting with Mr. Rabin and his colleagues.

S. FRIESNER,
Chairman, Polish Jewish ex-Servicemen's Association
London, February 17.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I could not help admiring the Egyptian ambassador during his recent TV confrontation on the BBC "Midweek" programme, with our own Gideon Rafael: Shazli had the cool pride to declare that he did not have to give anything in exchange for an Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai "because it is *my* land."

This is even more remarkable when you realize that Sinai never belonged to Egypt, and that the peninsula was merely handed over to that country, less than 70 years ago, by the British to whom it did not belong either.

Why is Israel unable to display the same pride and declare that it has no obligation to withdraw from Israel which is "our own land," promised and given to the Children of Israel, nearly 4,000 years ago, and where they dwelled ever since in greater or smaller numbers.

LEA TUCHBAND
Jerusalem, February 14.

SPANISH JEWS AND UNESCO

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I refer to your article, "Madrid bulletin withdrawn over Unesco article" (December 17). As European Director of the Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency, I should like to draw your attention to the fact that it contains information which is entirely untrue.

In my capacity I have been, over the past four years, in very close contact with all of the Jewish communities in Spain, and especially with the one in Madrid, with which we have achieved extraordinary co-operation, specifically with the leaders of the community, its President, Mr. P. Halioua and Rabbi B. Garzon, who is chief rabbi of Madrid.

I should like to emphasize here the pro-Zionist position of the Madrid community, who are giving their whole-hearted and open support to the cause of Israel. For years we have been collaborating in all aspects of Zionism and immigration to Israel by young people and by the general Jewish population of Spain.

M. WILNER
European Director,
Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency
Geneva, January 17.

TREASURY RAID

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — When it comes to raiding the treasury of millions of pounds of tax money, Herut is ready to make common cause with its arch-enemy, Labour. The country is bled white by taxes, there is no money to heat the kindergartens and schools, yet they need millions for the parties. No wonder the country is riddled with lawlessness, thievery and bribery!

Dr. H. MATMIDY STENDIG
Haifa, February 18.

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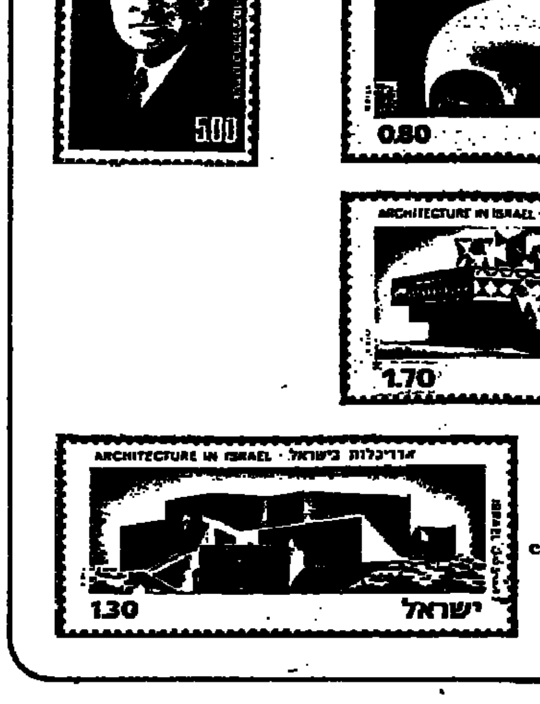

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In this stage, mainly older men, who have not reported for registration and checking since arriving in Israel, will be required to report.

Those concerned will be given a date on which to attend, and men to whom the obligation to report applies are therefore asked to wait until they receive an order to report for registration and checking.

In order to facilitate registration and checking, and to avoid trouble and unnecessary loss of time to those registering, they are asked:

a. to bring the following documents and certificates:
   1. up-to-date medical certificates testifying their state of health
   2. two passport photographs
   3. identity card
   4. army documents attesting their standing under the Defence Service Law

b. to attend punctually on the day and at the time stated in the order to report.

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POSTSCRIPTS

WE MUST CONGRATULATE Israel Electric Corporation fo taching to their bills this mo very instructive pamphlet on to save electricity.

It is interesting to be tol example, that 10 kilowatt ho current give us 50 hours of vision viewing, or five hou space heating with a 2000 radiator, or 10 hours boiling 1000 watt kettle.

On the other hand, we w little perturbed to be told frain from using hot water kitchen when it is any distan the hot water boiler, since like washing the dishes with water in the Jerusalem winte further suggestion that one reserve hot water for perso lutions will scarcely appeal housewife who does her own dry.

The final pieces of advice to save electricity were reserv a special chapter which info that our current is produc mazout which is itself deriv oil which is now so expensiv result, the men of the Electr poration (it is quite clear women were involved in co the pamphlet) tell us that th sensible thing to do is to us tric power after 10 p.m. at

"Refrain," the advice run day-time use of electrical ment such as hot-water boi rage heaters, baking ovens, machines, etc. Use these at and save electricity."

Women of Israel unite! You nothing to lose but your

GOOD ON YOU, AUSTRAL – The Australian Governme decided to do something about International Women's As of now, cyclones and hur will be identified alternately and female names instead by women's names.

"There is no reason why should have the odium of names for all storms," a spo for Science Minister W.L. told AP this week. The the Minister's and it was orders that as of last meteorologists must adopt system immediately.

It was an Australian wea Clement Wragge, who first to name storms after people 19th century. He began names of politicians he disli then the names of their Australian Women's Lib not too excited by Mr. Mo new system. "It's not really teresting," said a spokesma ding that it was only a gestu did not really advance the of women.

It remains to be seen w Australia's initiative will be fo by other countries, apart fro Mauritius and New Caledoni use the Australian name li

AMERICAN-RUSSIAN DET is beginning to be felt in rarified atmosphere than oute where joint cosmonautical act planned.

The new field of cooperation cancer research and an agre was signed recently at the National Cancer Institute Be thesda for joint studies on th cidence of breast cancer. (Ac it is the fifth agreement of th since Nixon and Brezhnev health exchanges part of at the 1972 Moscow summit ing, AP reports).

The head of the Soviet dele to the signature ceremony had been found in the USSR women who married early, pregnant younger and bre their babies for longer appea have a lower incidence of cancer. His American coun said such customs increased duction of one form of the hormone estrogen early in li

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